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## Andover's town clock strikes 100

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover marked the 100th birthday of its Town Hall clock Sunday, with memories, a blessing, a clock cake and a visit from a clock club.

About 80 people attended the two-hour open house for the E. Howard clock, which began keeping time on Nov. 15, 1909.

Several offered memories of how the clock and its bell has been an integral part of their lives.

Dinah Cutting said that when her children were young, they would often hike a nearby hill.

"I'd tell them, 'when you hear the clock ring five, you head home,'" she said.

Joyce Morgan said she first

came to Andover years ago to teach school. The day before school started she took up residence at a boarding house across the street from the clock.

Already worried about the first day of school, she heard the clock's bell every hour through the night.

"I didn't sleep a wink," Morgan said.

But her awareness of the clock bell changed over time.

Ten years later, she said, she was at a ball game in the village. She asked another spectator what time it was. His response:

"The town clock just rang."

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## Greenwood firefighter charged with arson after early morning fire destroys two century-old homes in Locke Mills village



OUTLINED AGAINST A BLAZING NOVEMBER DAWN, firefighters mop up Tuesday morning after an fire destroyed two homes and a barn on Route 26 in Locke Mills.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A Greenwood volunteer fireman was arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with starting a fire that morning that destroyed two vacant homes on Route 26 in Locke Mills village, both well over a century old.

There were no reported injuries from the

fires, which were battled for several hours by six area fire departments.

The fire was called in at 3:17 a.m., and 12 hours later investigators from the state Fire Marshal's Office arrested Jeffrey Tyler, 28, of

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## Letters

### SENIOR-CLASS-TRIP FUNDRAISER

#### To the Editor:

The Telstar Class of 2010 will be selling raffle items at the IGA on Saturday, the 28th of November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These raffle items include money calendars and a raffle for a cord of wood (cut, split and delivered). Calendar raffles are \$5 each and wood raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

We will also be taking orders for Matt's Wood Roasted Organic Coffee. Bags of coffee will go for \$10. The coffee orders will come in plenty of time for the holidays.

All proceeds from these fundraising activities will go toward supporting the senior class trip and other graduation activities.

Thank you for your support. Look for us outside the Bethel Expo on Saturday, Dec. 5, as well.

Kara Zadakis, Mariah Bundy and Carin Donachie  
Telstar Senior Class Officers

### REMEMBERING DAVID C. SMITH

#### To the Editor:

The passing last week of David C. Smith, Bird and Bird Emeritus Professor of American History at the University of Maine, who spent nearly thirty years on the faculty, brings to mind a plethora of memories of this remarkable individual. I first met him in 1968 as a graduate assistant in the American history survey course that he headed.

As I recall, we met regularly for lunch to discuss the week's lectures and how we graduate assistants might discuss the particular history covered in our recitation sessions with small groups of students. At that initial meeting when Dave Smith learned I was from Bethel, his first words, "Oh an Oxford County boy!" He followed that statement up with, "I grew up in South Paris." From that time on, there was always a special bond between us. I soon was in awe of the breadth of his knowledge on so many subjects and his incredible storytelling abilities. Every meeting with Dave became an extraordinary learning experience through my graduate school career, which included his service on my Ph.D. committee and his commentary on my dissertation as it made its way to completion.

During my years in the early 1970s when I was researching the dissertation and living in Ottawa, spending countless hours at the Public Archives of Canada, Dave Smith would sometimes visit. He was on one of his many research quests investigating forest history or some related topic. We often had lunch on these occasions and sometimes met later in the evening for further lively discussion on all kinds of subjects. Stories just seemed to flow out of him and I could not wait for the next one. I have written many of them down after our sessions and every once in awhile read some of them and recall his engaging wit and delight in relating them often in outrageous detail. We stayed in touch through the years.

In Dave's obituary, one of his colleagues in the history department pointed out that most historians are lucky if they master one field of knowledge. Dave was proficient in several fields including U.S. agriculture and forest history, historic climatology, women in World War II, and the life and times of H. G. Wells, which resulted in a highly regarded book published by Yale University Press. During his lifetime, he wrote or edited more than thirty books and published over a hundred articles. At Cornell where he obtained his Ph.D., he worked under Paul W. Gates, likely the leading American agricultural historian of the day. Dave's consuming interest in agricultural history influenced me in a profound way as I began my work here at the Bethel Historical Society.

One of our first exhibits, supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, dealt with family farms and resulted in a booklet on the subject. Later, I would produce a book on the history of the Maine State Grange, which celebrated the contributions of that organization's significant role in farm life.

Dave delivered lectures here at the Bethel Historical Society, served as a panelist at a conference on at least one occasion, and used our research library. He once referred to the society as a "gem."

Early in 2008, I called Dave to see if he would agree to deliver the keynote address at a conference we were sponsoring to accompany our exhibit on the Maine Grange. I could think of no one with better qualifications. With sadness in his voice, he told me that he was failing mentally. I asked if he might jot down some thoughts when he had some lucid moments that we could have someone read at the conference. He told me he would try, but later called back and told me that he could not, which left me feeling very empty. A "steel trap" mind as the term goes, once so wide-ranging and authoritative, had begun to evaporate!

In my copy of his book on his beloved university, "The First Century: A History of the University of Maine 1865-1965," published in 1979, Dave wrote, "For Stan Howe with warm regards and in memory of some good times."

I now write this letter in tribute to one who did so much to enhance the reputation of the University as a research institution and helped me discover a historical field that has been a lifetime passion.

Stan Howe  
Bethel

### TURKEYS AND FIXIN'S AVAILABLE

#### To the Editor:

As of Saturday the Bethel Food Pantry will have turkey and the fixings for Thanksgiving for all the families the pantry serves. Families may contact Dave Bean at 824-0369 or Eric at 824-6692 to arrange for an appointment. The Food Pantry is also still in need of two working upright freezers (call Bean).

Dave Bean  
Bethel

### THANKS FOR THE PAINT JOB

#### To the Editor:

If you haven't driven down Vernon street lately, you probably didn't notice the American Legion Mundt-Allen Post 81 has a bright new coat of paint, many thanks to Vern Davis and crew for a fine job, and hats off to Brooks Bros. for donating some of the paint.

More thanks to Mountain Greenery for donating shrubbery that has been planted in front of the building, more improvements to come.

God bless all our veterans, past, present, and future.

Bob McCartney  
Commander

### TRUTHFUL, CLEAN, FOCUSED

#### To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate the participants in/supporters of the recent NO ON 1 campaign. Although they lost the vote, each and every one of them should be extremely proud of themselves for the truthful, clean, focused and very respectful campaign that they were all a part of. None of which can be said of the opposing YES ON 1 campaign and/or its participants.

The NO media campaign used words like family, love, equality, commitment. Unlike the YES campaign whose media ads stirred an atmosphere of hate, distrust, fear, etc. More often than not, their ads contained information with no factual basis, used only to create their hate-mongering, fear-inducing atmosphere. Media behavior aside, YES campaigners should be very ashamed of themselves for the individual behaviors I witnessed personally as a NO supporter and campaigner.

For example — At an outdoor rally I attended in South Paris, there were approximately fifty other NO folks, including some young children supporting their family/families. There was also one lone YES person. That YES person stood side-by-side with NO supporters during the entire event without incident. NO supporters at the rally were very respectful of his right to be there and to voice his opinion — regardless that it is/was different than their own — as long as he was willing to also afford them that same courtesy. NO supporters who passed the group for campaigners honked their horns, smiled, hollered encouragement to the NO side, gave the "thumbs up" signal. Not once did I see or hear any NO supporters even acknowledge the YES supporter and/or his sign, much less react to him.

Had the shoe been on the other foot, as the saying goes — and there had been fifty YES supporters in a group, I'm not sure that a NO supporter would have been "allowed" to show/voice their personal opinion on the issue. Based on the behavior I saw from the YES supporters at that rally and elsewhere, I'm positive that a single NO supporter would not have even dared to stand alone, toe-to-toe in a group of fifty YES supporters.

At this particular rally, passing YES supporters, instead of supporting their one lone campaigner, chose to ignore him and make obscene gestures, roll down their windows and spit, scream rude and obnoxious things like "faggot," "die," "queer," "death to all faggots," "no fags allowed," "queer lovers" to name just a few. Charming, huh? With kids very obviously in the group! And to think they actually eat with those same filthy mouths? Their mothers should be so proud!

Just so folks don't think my previous experience was a "fluke" or an "isolated incident" or only "some YES people" — On the day of the vote, several other NO supporters and I, were carrying NO signs near a voting venue right here in Rumford. Two YES supporters with signs were across the street. Again, the same behavior pattern on both sides of the issue. NO supporters honked, smiled, hollered support, etc., while YES supporters once again chose not to support their own, out-numbered campaigners but, instead focused their negative comments and rude behaviors toward the NO crowd — derogatory terms, spitting, "one-finger salutes," etc. One car full of younger males actually pulled over and told the group of NO supporters they should "... do everyone a favor and just jump off the bridge while they were already right there, rid the world of at least a few of the [fags, queers, one of those derogatory terms, not sure exactly which one] I was livid when I found out about it! One of those "@#%\$#%" was my daughter! And every single one of them standing on that bridge was and still is someone's daughter, son, sister, mother, brother.

Anyway, so no one thinks the obnoxious behaviors of the YES supporters that I saw were simply peer pressure, group-induced behavior or just some YES people. I was by myself, putting up NO signs near where I live. At one stop, I noticed a lady come down out of her driveway and watch me. When I went across the road to put up another sign, the lady tore down the one I had just put up. When I got in my car, she tore down the second one. Rather than waste more signs, I moved on. At that point she called me some of the usual lower names and damned my soul to hell. Sweet, huh? Nice "Christian" lady. Oh! By the way, did you know there's actually a fine for tampering with political signs? Just thought I'd give ya heads up in case the cops come knocking at your door.

At another stop, a woman yelled quotes from her Bible while she threatened to sic her dogs on me. At yet another, I was called "disgusting," an "abomination" and was actually spit at. Nice, huh? The woman there told me she "didn't want those disgusting, queer-loving signs on her property" although they were at the edge of the road and across the street on what was very obviously public domain. So much for freedom of speech, only if you wanna pay for it, I guess. Or as long as you only speak their language.

So what, you might ask, is/was/has been my response to all of this? I've come up with a standard, truthful reply to anyone who may try/have tried to impede my right to express my opinion. Think maybe I'll have 'em printed up kinda like a business card. Hand 'em out next time. "I'm sorry that you're upset sir/ma'am. I respect your right to think and support whatever you choose to around this issue. If you don't like my NO signs/pins/whatever, I fully respect your right to put up a YES one right beside it/wear a YES button of your own/whatever. You have the right to have and are entitled to express your opinion that is different than mine. What you don't have the right to do is try and take away that very same right from me."

I'm sure some folks who read this will recognize my name and say " .... yeah, she has a gay daughter." (Pursed lips, folded arms, big sigh and eye roll.) Well, they would be right, I do. I love her very much and I am/always have been/always will be very proud of her.

I'm planning her wedding for this summer. Yup, the dress, the church, the flowers, the limo, the whole sha-bang. Why should she be denied the right to get married? Why should I be denied the right to plan and host the wedding of my only daughter just because she happened to be born gay? (Gasp and clutch your chest!) Oh, I know, she chose to be gay, right? Yeah, she chose to be disliked? Chose to be distrusted? Chose to be discriminated against? Hated? Bashed? Beaten? Murdered? It's ridiculous!

So, in August my husband and I will walk our daughter down the aisle and because of that dislike, distrust, discrimination she will become a "Registered Domestic Partner" instead of a wife. However, when the law finally does pass in Maine — and it will — she will marry that partner because she loves her. Because they want to spend their lives together. Because they want to raise their children together and work and pay taxes and fight and make up and grow old together just like every other couple in love wants and not because they want to teach your second-grader about same-sex marriage!

Diane Farnum  
Roxbury

### INSURANCE FOR PROFIT IS OBSOLETE

#### To the Editor:

At 80 years of age, I consider myself to be privileged to be able to recall an era when healthcare was provided by the old-time local doctor. It was a time when the doctor's services for delivering a new member to a family would be compensated for by a half-cord of dry firewood, a quarter of beef, or a smoked ham and a few slabs of cured and smoked bacon. The visit to an ailing child would be paid for with a dressed chicken or a collection of canned goods or preserves. If any monetary consideration was involved, it was always benevolently adjusted to the recipient's ability to pay.

Now considering the complexities of affordable healthcare and the vehemently opposing ideologies striving to deal with the issues involved, it is a profound uncertainty as to whether affordable healthcare will ever again be a possibility. It is, however, a profound certainty that affordable health (insurance) will never be a possibility.

Insurance has evolved into an obsolete vehicle for providing any degree of reasonably priced healthcare for the masses. At this time, the health of the healthcare insurance industry depends on providing its services to only those affluent enough to afford the exorbitantly priced premiums. Any entity that is designed specifically to profit excessively at the expense of the sick, the elderly, the infirm, and the unfortunate, renders itself as being the problem and not the solution to affordable healthcare.

Other contributing culprits to the healthcare dilemma are the outrageous cost of medical procedures, doctors' fees, hospital stays and other associated expenses, which are compounded by the repressive gluttony of the pharmaceutical industry.

Now with the prohibitive cost of healthcare, those who can no longer afford it have but two choices. In the case of an adult faced with a medical dilemma, they can either forfeit everything they ever acquired in their lifetime to pay for it or they can choose to die. In the case of a child, they have but one choice and that is to forfeit everything they ever acquired in their lifetime and possibly still owe more than they ever could acquire again.

It is now imperative for the preservation of an affordable family existence for the working class of this nation that the government forego its allegiance to the lavish indulgences of the Wall Street and the corporate cartels and become an advocate for the people who elected it.

Don Chase  
Bethel

## Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson  
10 years ago: Lucia and Albert Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their daughters.

The Robinson Ballet Company presented "The Nutcracker" at Bingham Auditorium. Several Spring Street Dance Studio students performed with the company.

Volunteers from the Bethel and Newry fire departments assisted with the installation of Christmas decorations throughout Bethel village.

Birth: Alexis May Morey.  
Deaths: William C. Trenoweth, Sr., Kenneth I. Morse.

20 years ago: A large storm whirling in the Gulf of Maine deposited three to six inches of snow in the Bethel area.

Work was nearly completed on the new Woodstock town garage and it was expected to be ready for use by mid-December.

Nearly 200 attended the Telstar National Honor Society's annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens.

Birth: Andrew James Hart.  
Deaths: Helmi A. Hakala, Francis L. Whittier, Mary E. Knights, Guy E. Gibbs.

30 years ago: The SAD44 Board of Directors approved a health education program for the sixth-graders of the District.

A newly formed Duplicate Bridge Club was meeting Friday evenings at the Bethel Savings Bank.

Mrs. Irene Mills opened The China Doll, featuring dolls, dollhouses and furniture, at her Bryant Pond home.

Births: Emily Marie Arey, Jackson Wesley White.

40 years ago: Telstar Student Council members David Holt, Mary Ellen Andrews, Brad Fiske, Tom Sauret and Andy Davis attended the State Convention of Student Councils at Westbrook High School.

Richard Teague of Mechanic Falls shot a coyote in Grafton.

The Hunters Ball held at the Magalloway Town Hall was very well attended.

Births: Mark Alan Hastings, Lisa Cox.

Deaths: Mrs. Alberta H. Brown, Leonard C. Ryerson, Mrs. Clara N. Thurlow, Edmund C. Smith, Arthur C. Garber, William French.

50 years ago: James Owen, Gould Academy music teacher, purchased the A. M. Morrill residence on the Songo Pond road.

Sunday River Skiway announced ticket prices of \$3.50 for weekdays; \$4, weekends and holidays; and half-day rates of \$2 and \$2.50. Season rates were \$50 for an individual, and \$125 for a family.

Births: Ann Kimberly Jackson, Sean Arthur Chayer.

Deaths: Mrs. Maude Jordan Emerson, Howard Thornton, Freeland W. Clark.

60 years ago: The Bethel Players opened the season with a two-night offering of the three-act comedy "January Thaw."

Bethel Branch of the Red Cross supplied the village schools with three folding cots with blankets and supplied glasses to several needy children.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hicks in Upton was burned, the fire starting around the chimney.

Death: Ralph L. Grover, William H. Bean.

70 years ago: The P.R. Burns store at Main and Church streets was opened as a Clover Farms Store.

The clothespin mill of Penley Brothers at West Paris burned.

Death: Mrs. Sarah King Wight.

80 years ago: Norman Sanborn was building a mill for Leslie Davis on the Virgin lot on Chandler Hill road.

The first snowstorm and an earthquake took place on the 18th.

90 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven celebrated their china wedding.

Death: Mrs. Ezra Cross.

100 years ago: Wire of the Upton and Grafton Telephone Company was strung and boxes were being installed.

Death: Sarah Littlehale.

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## Clock

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Didn't you hear it?"

The clock's admirers also included several members of the Maine chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Tom Vance, a clocksmith from Bristol, and his wife, Nan, said their organization has compiled a list of about 100 tower clocks located throughout Maine.

Another member, Harry Hepburn III of Harrison, has worked on the Andover clock over the past 25 years.

He noted that the accuracy of such clocks, which must be wound and operate by means of a pendulum, can be affected by barometric pressure.

So while they do not always keep "Greenwich time," he said, "they do pretty well."

The Andover clock, manufactured by the Howard Co. of Boston, was purchased for \$600 by the local branch of the King's Daughters Society, a philanthropic organization.

Its parts were shipped by rail in wooden boxes, Hepburn said. One large box was converted to a pendulum to operate the bell.

The instructions called for the Andover assemblers to

gather rocks to fill the box, which weighed about 2,000 pounds when full, he said.

Peggy Madigan, the current keeper and winder of the clock and bell mechanisms, described her bi-weekly ascension of the tower.

Once atop the tower, she said, she winds each mechanism 90 times, pausing to rest in between and enjoy the views out the windows.

"So watch what you do, because I could be up there," she warned residents, to laughter.

Elis Thibodeau, chair of the Town Hall Restoration Committee, offered thanks all around to those who have donated time and money to the clock and the celebration. The day's program concluded with a blessing of the clock by Pastor Jane Rich.

Rich said it is the hope of townspeople that the clock will still be ringing in 2109, and that "future generations will thank us for our stewardship."

"May the clock continue to ring over our valley, and all who live in it."

(For photos of the Andover celebration, please see Page 9.)

## Selectmen decide to close most town roads opened to ATVs in 2006

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover selectmen Tuesday voted to close most town roads to ATV use, reversing in part a decision by an earlier board, three years ago.

The earlier board approved use of all of Andover's roads in August of 2006.

But since then, citizens and game wardens have had increasing concerns for road safety.

The Upton Road in particular was the subject of many concerns because of truck traffic, speed and narrow shoulders.

Last month, selectmen held a public meeting with game wardens, the road commissioner, the Roxbury ATV Club and citizens.

The club noted then that the original 2006 request was to open only roads connecting trails, according to selectboard chair Susan Merrow.

Following the meeting, the board made surveys available to townspeople to voice their opinion on the issue.

Twenty surveys were returned. They generally supported keeping open connector roads that coincide with the published ATV trail system, selectmen said.

Working with trailmaster Mike Worthley and Claus True of the Roxbury ATV Club, the selectmen decided to close down all town roads to ATVs except for the connectors to trails.

The road sections that will remain open include North Main Street from the village center to Wentzell Road, the connector between the Chandler ATV Trail and Grimaldi Field, and upper South Arm Road between Devil's Den Trail and the South Arm Trail.

State law stipulates that ATVs can travel a maximum of 500 yards between trailheads.

ATVs using the open road sections should ride on the far right of the road surface to prevent shoulder erosion, selectmen said.

"We appreciate the proactive efforts of the Roxbury ATV Club in educating their members on trail use, road safety issues," said Merrow after the meeting. "They work to get better patrolling in our area for road speed, registrations for out-of-staters, and child-helmet safety. We want both local and visiting riders to be able to enjoy the trail system safely."

## Center

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will offer the same gear in a rental format.

"We have a four-season plan," said Kevin Thurston, the new general manager.

Wilderness House is leasing the Sunday River property from the Wights, who formerly operated the inn and cross-country center.

The Newry business becomes the fourth location for Wilderness House. The retail company also owns stores in Boston and Portland, and is opening another new one at Sugarloaf.

The business philosophy, said Thurston, will be to establish an ongoing relationship with individual customers.

They will be offered a WH membership, he said, and those who join will initially be asked brief, basic questions about their outdoor recreation preferences.

"We want to be well-informed about their personal needs and interests," said Thurston.

"And we expect to see some people in multiple locations."

The membership arrangement, he said, will also allow customers who might live in Portland, for instance, to go online and choose rental equipment before they leave for Newry. The rental items will be ready and waiting for them.

Wilderness House plans to focus on the "end use" of its equipment, said Thurston.

"We don't want to just sell you hiking boots," he said. "We want to meet your interests and join you on a professionally guided hiking experience."

### Other resources

The business will continue to offer cross-country skiing on trails adjacent to its property. Skiing terrain will cover approximately 25 kilometers.

And in a glassed-in room where cross-country skiers used to gather to get ready to ski, to warm themselves and to buy coffee, snacks and soup, WH will open the Wilderness Cafe.

It will offer espresso coffee, panini sandwiches and specialty items provided by DiCocoa's on Main St. in Bethel.

For customers who plan overnights, Thurston is working to arrange partnerships with established lodging places in the area to offer discounts to WH customers.

Wilderness House also hopes to establish a close relationship with programs that benefit the community, such as Maine Handicapped Skiing and Winter Kids.

"We want to support non-profits," said Thurston.

In that same spirit, Wilderness House will provide financial support to the new skatepark in Bethel.

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the business will donate 5 percent of its retail sales to the park.

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### PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on November 23, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from Chosun of Bethel located at 141 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at [info@bethelmaine.org](mailto:info@bethelmaine.org).

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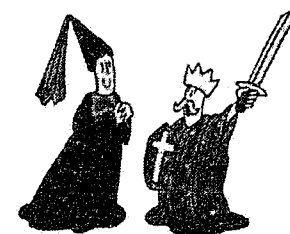
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Condor

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Noting that Maine has sent more than its share of young men and women off to Iraq and Afghanistan, Mills said "We are not anti-military in any sense of the word."

But she pointed out that comments and questions raised not only by the governor, but also by legislators and the state Congressional delegation to the Condor Environmental Assessment (AE) of two years ago remain undressed in the draft EIS.

In particular, she noted, the AE used the argument that there would be fewer aircraft using Condor due to the earlier decision by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to close the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

"We pointed out then and we continue to point out that it seems doubly hurtful to our economy and our people to use that closure against us in supporting the Environmental Impact Statement."

"And we said then, that to suggest that our area of the state be subjected to further distress by low level military training flights performed by members of The Guard stationed in Massachusetts — because we will have somewhat fewer planes flying out of Brunswick Naval Air Station is doubly hurtful to our state and our economic survival."

**Unmentioned impacts**  
Polak argued that the EIS "completely lacks a substantive analysis of the economic impact on the region. They superficially define the entire economy in five pages and discount any impact in three. They tell us: 'A portion of Maine's economy revolves around the tourism industry.'"

"The potential impact to real estate values and subsequent impact to the regional economy are not even mentioned."

"In the Bethel area," Polak said, "investors, second home buyers and retirees dominate the real estate market. They are attracted to the quality of life, including peace and quiet and the extraordinary natural environment. Because of these qualities their investment is typically sound."

"Investors, retirees and sec-

ond home buyers are discretionary buyers, unlike primary home buyers who are connected to a region because of employment," he said. "They do not have to buy property in a specific region and can alternately be attracted to areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, the Maine coast etc."

"Let me paint you a picture of a typical buyer I work with," he told The Guard representatives.

"They are professionals, usually with strong financial assets, interested in a second home or investment property with an eye toward potential retirement."

"They will sell their appreciated home in the Boston area and are looking for a large private property — it could be a farm or large forested tract. They may buy raw land or hire local carpenters, electricians, plumbers, to build their home — usually substantial. They will move here and bring their transfer payments. Because of their age, they will not bring school age children with them, therefore not creating an increased burden to local taxpayers."

"They are interested in the beautiful environment, the many recreational opportunities and becoming part of the local community. They will actively engage in the various church groups and non-profits, contributing significant amounts of time and money."

"When I tell them that they may get harassed by low flying jets, as I am required ethically and legally to do, they will certainly reconsider coming to this area."

"All of this is at stake," Polak told the hearing.

For his part, Crockett argued that the draft EIS falls far short in so many areas that its sincerity must be questioned.

"To name just a few," he said: "The Fermata Study and Brookings Report are vital to ascertaining an accurate environmental impact in terms of western Maine's economy and quality of life, but apparently were not worthy of inclusion."

"The EIS fails to address the safe interface between mili-

tary aircraft conducting low-level, force-on-force exercises and the several small municipal airfields in the affected area."

"The noise impact was glossed over by faulty rationale and poor quantitative analysis."

"The analysis on the impact on both wildlife and domestic livestock was poorly addressed."

"The review of the impact on our beloved Appalachian Trail was negligible."

"This EIS and public hearing," Crockett said, "has the appearance of a very disingenuous attempt to 'check the block,' push this request through regardless of the concerns of elected officials and, more importantly, the Citizens of Western Maine."

"And," he said, "the current EIS was inadequate even by past Guard standards."

Referring to a similar (ultimately abandoned) proposal by The Guard, in 1991, to lower the Condor floor, Crockett pointed out: "the EIS of the early 1990's was several volumes and the EIS before us is less than 150 pages, which makes this EIS look like on its face it was, for lack of a better term, 'pencil-whipped' to meet the minimum requirements."

And Crockett criticized "the Air National Guard's blatant disregard for the requests for information by the governor, both United States senators, a United States representative and numerous state government officials."

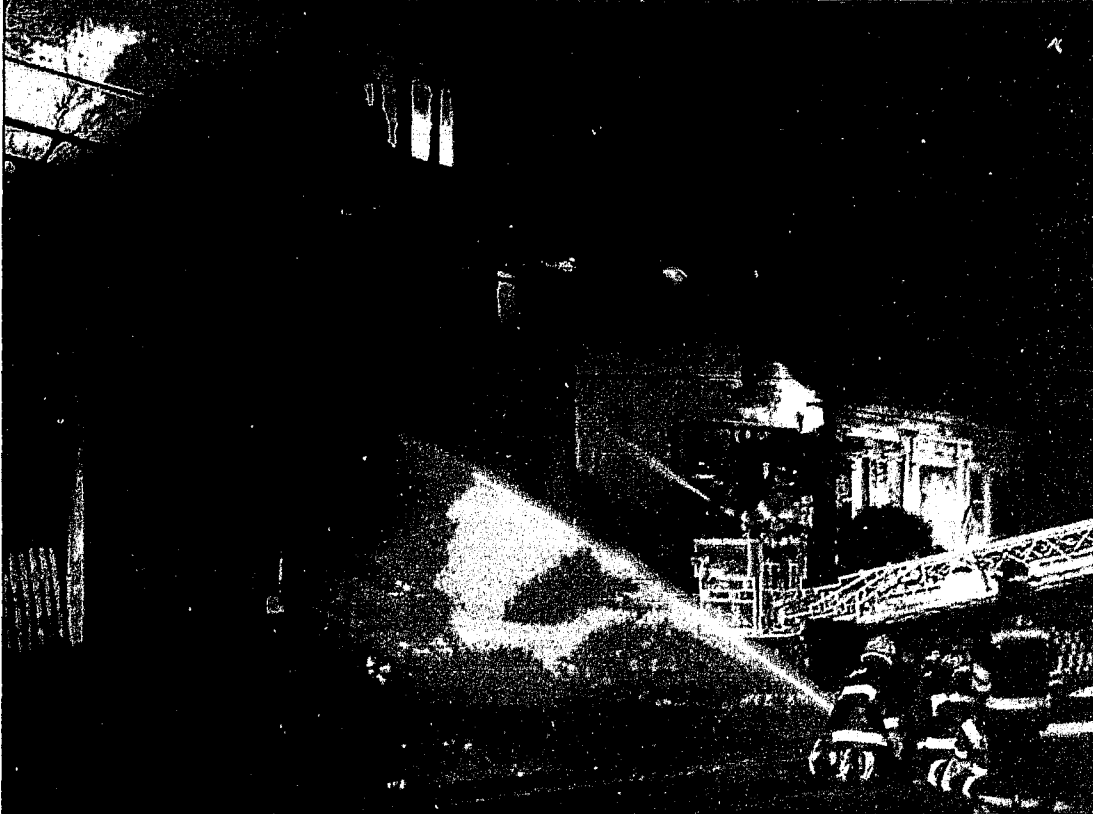
"Many of these individuals, like myself, are not against increased training opportunities for the Massachusetts Air National Guard, or any entity dedicated to our National Defense, but we all wish to take our positions with all the facts in hand."

"I am personally disappointed in the lack of respect given to the Office of Governor of Maine, as demonstrated by essentially 'blowing him off' and not waiting to hold this public hearing until his questions were answered in the EIS."

"Respect for civilian authority is paramount to any military organization," Crockett said, "and anything less is unacceptable."

Fire

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FIREFIGHTERS SPRAY WATER ON THE J. G. TEBBETS HOUSE in Locke Mills, in an hours-long effort to contain the damage from Tuesday's fire.

(AP Photo: Jason Harris)

60 Paris Road in Bethel. Tyler was charged with two counts of arson and taken to Oxford County Jail, where he was still being held Wednesday, on bail of \$20,000 cash or \$100,000 surety.

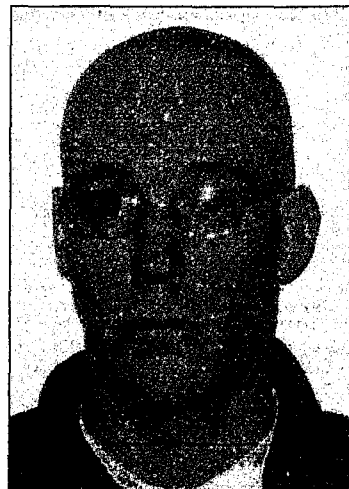
Greenwood Fire Chief Jim Owens said Wednesday that Tyler, a 2001 Telstar High School graduate, joined the department in September and did not mention having had any prior adult fire-fighting experience.

Owens said it is not uncommon for volunteers to join departments in towns other than the one where they live.

**19th Century homes**  
The two buildings destroyed by the fire were the J.G. Tibbets House, built sometime between 1870 and 1880, and the Moses Houghton House, built between 1857 and 1863.

The Tibbets House (closer to the Round Pond Store) is in the name of the late C. Mellon Kimball. The Houghton House is owned by Bruce Connor of Chelmsford, Mass.

When the initial call came in, Owens said, it was of a fire at the Round Pond Store, with explosions.



JEFFERY TYLER

"That gets your heart going at that hour in the morning — when you think about the possibilities there," Owens said.

Initially, departments from Greenwood, Woodstock and Bethel were toned, but when Owens learned two houses were involved, he also called for West Paris and Paris, and for the ladder truck from Newry.

At the point firefighters arrived at the scene, Owens said, there was little they could do but try to knock the fire down and keep the damage from spreading.

The Newry truck was particularly useful for that, the chief said, since it allowed firefighters to get water onto the blaze from above.

Efforts to control the fires were hampered by strong winds, estimated by Owens at 30 mph.

"We had embers landing on Pleasant Street, across from the fire station and embers and debris coming in the door of the fire station itself," he said.

The station is roughly 300 yards from the fire site.

Had the wind been blowing in the other direction, across Route 26 toward apartment buildings and other large wooden structures, the Chief said, the outcome could have been a different story.

Route 26 was closed to other traffic shortly after firefighters began arriving on the scene, but for a period of time 18-wheelers could be seen passing through the flames, according to one eyewitness.

It was re-opened to one-lane traffic at around 8 a.m., Owens said, and fully reopened at 9:30.



## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The experts in the world of high finance and economics say the worst of the recession is over. They say there are strong signs of improvement and economically speaking we are on the mend.

I certainly hope the so-called experts are correct, but here in Maine we see little evidence of the economic healing process.

I'll be the first to tell you that I just plain don't understand economics. I consider myself a reasonably aware and intelligent person, but I just can't get a handle on Gross National Product, the Dow Jones, the federal interest rate or any other economic barometers.

I have tried reading the articles and listening to the financial talking heads in hopes of getting a clearer picture on what's going on. They might just as well be talking about thermal dynamics or Einstein's theory of relativity because I cannot understand what they're talking about.

I can't see where things have gotten much better here in Maine. There is a cute old saying, "My take-home pay won't take me home," and though it may be a bit of an exaggeration for most of us, it's not that far off the mark either.

However, I am optimistically hopeful for a brighter economic outlook for the pine tree state.

There is another old saying, "As Maine goes, so goes the Nation." That one doesn't have the onus of

truth to it that the "take-home pay" saying has because Maine is usually a bit slower than the rest of the nation in most things. Don't get me wrong, I love Maine, but we are not exactly on the cutting edge of things.

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Take bellbottom pants for example. When I was a teenager in the days of Sonny and Cher I noticed these strange flare leg pants showing up on rock stars and movie stars. They were the rage in the teen magazines that I read, but they were nowhere to be seen here in Vacationland.

The first time I saw someone wearing bellbottoms in person was at Old Orchard Beach and the wearers were obviously from "away". I thought those pants were so cool and couldn't wait to have a pair of my own.

I saved my babysitting earnings and then went to J.J. Newberry's to buy my bellbottoms, but they didn't have them. I talked my father into giving me a ride all the way to Lewiston to go to Sears, but they didn't have the bellbottoms either.

I don't recall exactly when bellbottoms became available locally, but they eventually did. It seemed like forever that I had wanted them before I was actually able to get any.

By the time I put on my first pair of bellbottoms and strutted my stuff around town making a fashion statement, hip-huggers were becoming all the rage with rock stars and movie stars and in the teen magazines.

I think it was another year before hip-huggers were available here in Maine, but that was okay because my parents wouldn't let me wear them anyway.

My point in taking this walk down memory lane of high fashion is that Maine has always been a bit behind the rest of the country.

For a teenager wanting the latest fashion craze that's a bit of a downer, but our "slow to catch up" existence has worked to our advantage too. In the mid-80's when the rest of the country saw the collapse of the construction industry and real estate market, Maine was enjoying an economic boom we thought would never end.

So, the experts say that the economy is getting better and I truly hope they are right. I'm guessing it will take a little time before it reaches this part of the country, and the way I see it, when the latest fashion trends of the west coast are available here in Maine we will truly be on our way to economic recovery.

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## Bethel



by Nancy Brown

Zack Bailey and Sarah Baran recently opened a new restaurant in downtown Bethel.

Hot Taco, which is located at 7 Mechanic Street, features tacos, burritos, quesadillas, and other Mexican food. Currently the restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch; Wednesday through Saturday for dinner; and late on Friday and Saturday nights. After Thanksgiving, Zack and Sarah plan to expand the hours to six days a week.

Ginny Walker of Bethel and Roy Hatt of Norway were married on Nov. 1 at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene. Mr. and Mrs. Hatt are living in Norway.

Bob Keniston celebrated his 89th birthday on Nov. 15 with a party of more than twenty relatives at his home on Chapman Street. The previous night people attending the dance at the South Paris Legion Hall presented Bob with a birthday cake.

Recent visitors of Sally and Paul Bodwell were their friends Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parrot of Rhode Island.

Muriel Butters and her brother-in-law, Bud Bowden, recently left for their winter home in Florida. Friends may write to them at Palm Village Gardens #173, 331 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

A flock of pink flamingoes has been visiting yards around the Bethel area. The flamingoes are a fundraising project for the fifth grade at Crescent Park School. The class is raising money for a trip to Boston in the spring. For a \$10 contribution the flamingoes are available to visit

homes or businesses for a day. The flock will continue to visit local neighborhoods during the winter months. To schedule a visit, call Kelly at 836-2307 or Kristen at 824-8968.

The Bethel United Methodist Church will sponsor a memorial Christmas tree in front of the church on Main Street. Anyone who would like to memorialize or honor someone is invited to purchase a light on the tree. If you would like to remember someone with a light this holiday season, please send \$5 for each Christmas light, including the name of the person to be honored, to Bethel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 387, Bethel, Maine, 04217.

Do you have Bethel news? E-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

## West Bethel



by

Lorrie Hoeh

We are still finding wild oyster mushrooms. Mike and I picked about 2 1/2 pounds of them on Sunday morning while walking along the West Branch. The oyster mushroom, pleurotus ostreatus, is found in woods and open places, on decaying wood, old stumps or logs, and occasionally on a dead or dying tree that's still standing. All three varieties of pleurotus are edible, ranging in color from white to yellowish, gray, brown, or greenish. Look for them in summer or autumn. Since this fall has been somewhat mild, they are still around, and several now reside in our freezer, ready to be added to pizza, stew, or what-have-you.

Saturday's rainfall throughout the day and night amounted to 2.9 inches here at the

Hoehstead. The East Branch was very high, lapping at the edge of the road downstream from our house. I imagine that there was some flooding in other areas. On Sunday morning there was a lot of water in the woods, with waterfalls and spates everywhere.

The dominant species at the bird feeders are woodpeckers, doves, and blue jays. There is an occasional solitary chickadee or titmouse or nuthatch, emphasis on solitary. Several folks have spoken to me about the same lack of the usual songbirds at their respective feeders. I still have no idea why this is so.

Doyle's All Services announces that there will be new fitness classes held at Ingleside, with Danika Garner, personal trainer, teaching "A Better You." Classes are now forming for 8 to 12 year-olds. For more information, e-mail Deb Doyle at doylem@megalink.net.

Last Thursday the Senior Players performed "The Trial of Goldilocks" and "Crooked Town" at Crescent Park School for an audience comprised of third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders from CPS, Woodstock, and Andover schools. (I believe there were also some second-graders from Andover.) The fifth-grade classes

from all three schools were called upon to participate as well. They did their parts well, acting as porridge bowls, chairs, beds, forest animals, and/or crooked people, trees, and other objects. Principal Levi Brown and Superintendent Dave Murphy were seen chuckling at the presentation. We players thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and we were very proud of our fifth-grade assistants.

Speaking of the Players, we will be appearing this weekend at the Trustees' Auditorium in the Science Building at Gould Academy, both on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. The headline play, "A Merry Regiment of Women," will comprise Act I at both performances, with two different sets of three short plays making up Act II at the respective shows. We guarantee some laughs and surprises, and there will be some new faces in the troupe for your entertainment and enjoyment. See you at 7 p.m. Saturday or 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Jake found a deer carcass in the woods off the forest road the other day. It was a doe, and I'm guessing that it was shot by mistake (no doe permits in these parts, I think) and left when the mistake was realized, or it was wounded (also

by mistake) and then finished off by predators. In any case, I have to leash Jake in that vicinity until it rots or is buried in snow, because he is pretty single-minded about noshing on the bones.

Last Wednesday the Bethel Senior Citizens enjoyed a noontime dinner at the Crossstone Restaurant of the Mollycodd Motel.

West Bethel Union Church held its annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday evening. There was a good crowd enjoying the lavish potluck preparation, and full stomachs and warm feelings abounded. It's a good idea to get in training for the big feast next Thursday.

On Saturday evening I joined some friends at the Bingham Auditorium of Gould Academy to enjoy "A Cappella Grill," a presentation by the

Mollycodd Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. They entertained us roundly with their renditions of familiar tunes from the '40s, '50s, and '60s, including even a Beatles tune, "When I'm Sixty-Four."

The energetic group closed with the inspiring "This Is My Country" and "God Bless the USA." West Bethel's own Debbie Luxton is a part of the group and at one point appeared in a cap and mustache in the part of a man, but there's no hiding her lovely face and smile.

Between last week and this week I have collected 85 cents' worth of returnables. Many of those were found along the Crocker Pond Road, where Jake and I walked on Monday morning. Only one and a half weeks more of deer season, and then we can put

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Sunday, Nov. 15

At 7 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a theft of a piece of equipment. It was later returned to the owner, who did not press charges.

At 7:40 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to High Street for a report that a dark gray pickup truck had struck a dog and then left. Witnesses said it appeared the incident was intentional.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

At 6:20 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward was notified of vandalism of two logging trucks on the North Road. The windshields had been broken.

*This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.*

### Tips from the Bethel Police Department

1. If you dial 911 by mistake, don't hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher what happened.
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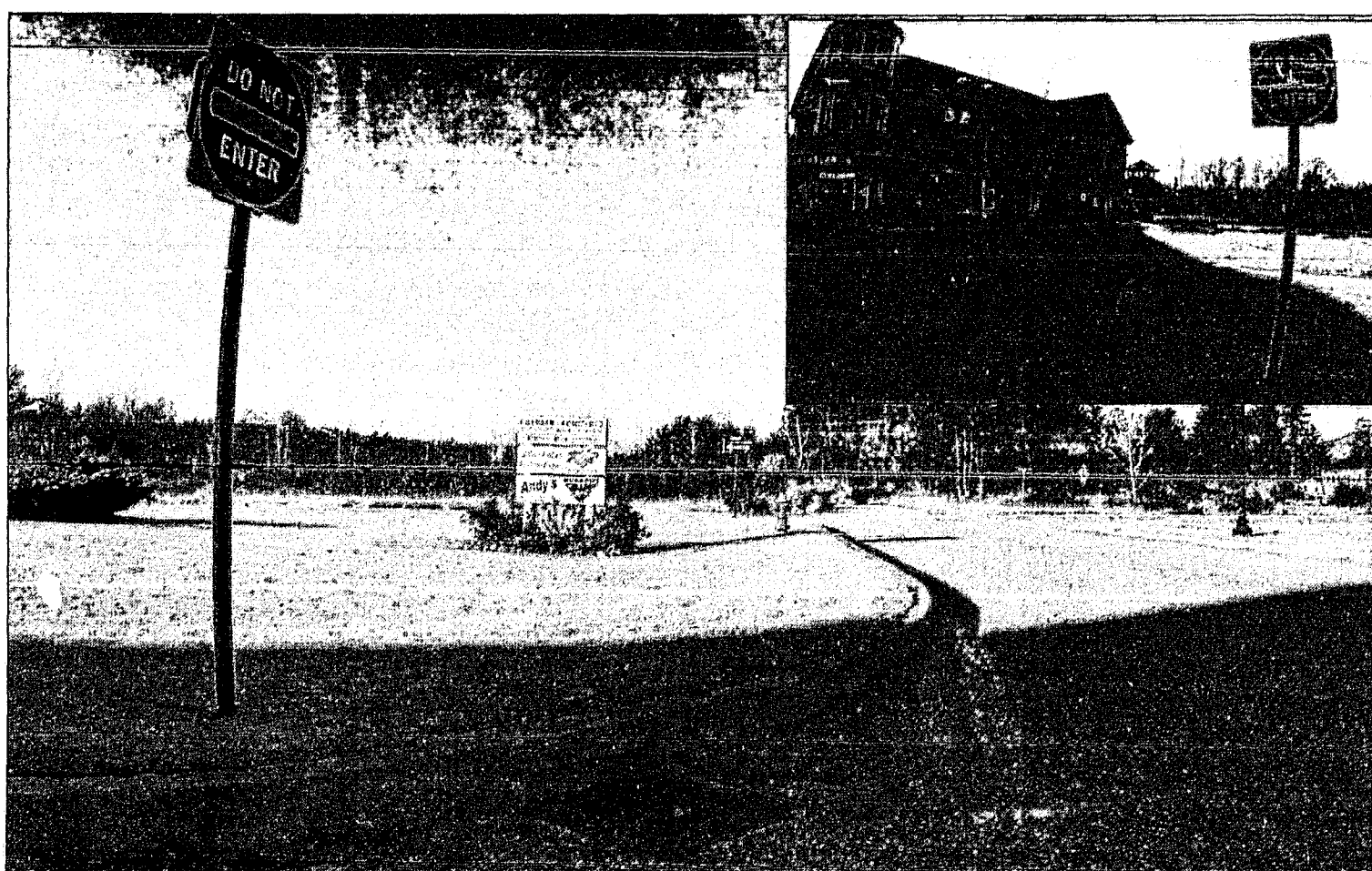
by Laurie Brown

The hunters' supper, Nov. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. will feature a buffet including roast beef and the fixings, chili, lasagna, chop suey, baked beans, shepherd's pie, rolls, cornbread and a variety of homemade desserts: \$5 for kids, \$7 for adults. Following the buffet, there will be an auction of services donated by local people and businesses and the drawing for the raffle on the hand-crocheted afghan.

Sunday breakfasts are a success and are enjoyed! See you soon, Lou and Ellen? Anita Harris's daughter has been diagnosed with cancer and would appreciate our support and prayers.

At the selectmen's meeting last week, Norm Mercier agreed to contact CMP about the debris left by Lucas Tree, much of which will interfere with snowplowing, water flow through culverts and in our newly dug ditches. Selectmen received two boxes of pamphlets from the state housing authority describing how to make our homes more energy efficient. There are so many of them that every citizen could pick up one to read and have enough left over to start several fires in their stoves to conserve energy and maybe offset the cost the state spent to publish them and mail them?

Selectmen discussed the poor condition of the dumpster the town received and their options to make sure it didn't happen again, which might give Mr. Butler more reason to site us. According to Mr. Butler's own regulations, absolutely no person can lawfully enter the landfill without an attendant present. I wonder, then, how Mr. Butler can justify his entrances? Selectmen discussed a complaint from a taxpayer



**REVERSING THE TRAFFIC FLOW**—The direction of traffic around the parking lot at the Casablanca Cinema/Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is now counterclockwise. The change was made to benefit passengers on Western Maine Transportation and Mountain Explorer busses. Under the new arrangement, people getting on and off the busses may do so directly onto the sidewalk instead of having to walk around the bus, according to Robin Zinchuk, the chamber's executive director. Zinchuk made the request at a recent selectmen's meeting. The board had no objections, and on Monday the town crew changed the signage. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

on East B Hill concerning his culvert and from the taxpayer concerning a complaint that he received rude behavior at the dump. They issued three concealed weapon permits and set the date of their next meeting as Dec. 9.

Belated "happy birthday" wishes to Jim Rector.

When I was growing up, we were the only year-round family on Back Street. Joe and I used to walk the road during hunting season and count the cars which were parallel parked the whole length. Before my time, there were several farms. Steven Morse built a log home and sold it to Jonathan West about 15 years later. Mr. West also purchased J. Cash's farm and land on both sides of Back Street. Mr. West lived there until he died in 1917. I think this farm was what I knew as Floyd West's camp, which was on the south side of the hill beyond Bob and Peggy Dapilloto's home. Apparently there was a farm owned by Osgood Godwin,

then by Freeland Bartlett that was in existence until 1935. My best guess: somewhere near where my father and Larry LaVallee built a home for Reggie and Mardie Edwards. Do you have more info I can share with readers on Back Street — or any other street? E-mail me at lauriebrown400@gmail.com.

For the 2 1/2 years that Bob and I have lived in our cabin in the woods we've enjoyed the tranquility and quiet, often for days on end. The only noises (other than that which nature provides) have been our generator running on weekends for the power tools and the washing machine. We haven't missed electricity or the things we'd probably have if we had electricity; television, lights that turn on with a flip of the switch, microwaves and such. Understandably, living long term without electricity isn't for everyone. I think our neighbors enjoy the "back woods" setting but miss the lack of electricity. We usu-

ally go to bed listening to the sound of their generator.

Somebody once said, "If it's free, it's advice. If you pay for it, it's counseling. If you can use either one, it's a miracle."

Have a wonderful week. Selah.

# Gilead



by Lin Chapman

Last Saturday was a great day to stay inside and get a few things

done. Sunday turned out to be a very nice day. It was close to 60 degrees on my thermometer.

The sunset last Friday night was just beautiful. It was so pretty that we had to go out and take a couple of pictures.

Last Friday on my way to work, I had to wait for a flock of turkeys to cross the road. I counted 15 and there were more in the woods. They did not want to get out of the way.

One waited and watched until all the rest had got out of the road and then flew into the woods.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday on his way to the Transfer Station. He was running a little late since he had to deliver a window that he fixed for someone. This is not the time of year to have broken windows!

Hugh and I took a trip over to see how the dismantling of the barn at the old O. B. Brown place on the North Road was coming. There was nothing left standing except the framework. It is being taken down and will be rebuilt at the home of the present owner of the property. We were glad that we went over a couple of weeks ago to get some pictures before they began. The workers tag each beam so they will be able to reconstruct it on the new site.

## Town Office

The Town Clerk would like to remind any dog owners in town that their dog needs to

be licensed before Jan. 31 of each year. The new tags are here and the clerk is available at the Town Office on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be no reminder notices (which were sent out just as a courtesy) mailed out this year. Dog owners, who have a dog with a current rabies shot and was licensed in Gilead last year, may still mail their fee in to the clerk and the tag will be returned. The mailing address is Gilead Town Clerk, 8 Depot Street, Gilead, Maine 04217. Any questions, call the town office at 836-2115.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

# Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

We have been very busy this week. We haven't had a chance to sit down at home for more than a few minutes at a time. There's been something to do every day and eve.

Albert Sr. is transporting the hunters in style. He has a new four-wheeler, seats four and about three in the body. He must have been gathering them all up to go back for a mid-morning breakfast Saturday. Still has been quiet around. Someone was telling me that there was so many hunters watching the meadows that the deer had to push them aside and say "excuse me."

I'm going to keep pushing the Christmas for Families bingo on the fourth of December. We all at the Legion want to see a big check for the night and this project that will keep the money in our communities. So bundle up, drag along your best friend, get Gram out and anyone else to make this a super night. It will make you feel good and we working the bingo are going to be grinning from ear to ear. You might even win a game that can help out with some presents. It's a good evening!

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Bulb sale this year. You may purchase a bulb to be lighted on the 3rd of December. The cost is \$2 per bulb. They may be purchased "in memory of" or "in honor of." This is a really wonderful way to honor your favorite veteran or the memory of. You may stop by the Legion each Wednesday and Friday afternoon and evening during the bing.

See Anita or call to arrange for a bulb or two or more. Phone numbers are 875-2375 or 527-2234. Also you can call Olive Risko at 665-2909.

I can taste some mince meat cookies coming up. Anita's brother, Bruce, has a neck for her. Seems he filled his tag Saturday morning. Now she just has to find the time to make it.

On Veterans Day, the Legion family came together to honor our veterans. We would like to thank Mike Daniels for the wonderful picture on the front of the Bethel Citizen. Also it was really nice to have Bob McCartney and Richard Grover of Post 81 joining us. Two real veterans and gentlemen. Thank you all for joining us to honor our veterans. Everything we did was from the heart.

## Newry



by Sylvia Harrington  
The Bear River Trading Post is still continuing.

to sell hunting scents and lures. By Saturday evening, the 14th, a total of 52 deer had been tagged. The largest deer tagged at the Trading Post was a 185-pound 10-point buck. This was tagged by Mitch Cummings of the Intervale area, and Mitch had previously entered the Big Buck contest.

Chili is still available at the Trading Post along with coffees and many snacks. Camo materials are now reduced in price. Warm gloves are still available to keep you warm on these chilly mornings. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

For information of WVSC trail conditions, give calls to Leon Dunn at 824-3335 or Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288 for updated information. The WVSC now has a new Scandic skidoo and new drag to haul behind it, a super wide track to help with their work. You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney. Please feel free to join the club at that time.

In talking with Sandee

Dunn, she told me that last Sunday a very large moose was walking near her home on the Branch Road.

Sunday was a great walking day for humans as well with exceptionally high temperatures for the time of the year. I have been doing quite a bit of walking and try to get in a mile each day.

Monday I met with my class reunion committee for our 60th reunion from Stephens High School of Rumford. This will take place at Rooster's Roadhouse in Bethel in July 2010.

Note: The Newry Town Office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will be closed Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Take notice that the Town Office and the Library will

be closed next Thursday, Nov. 26, in celebration of Thanksgiving.

The library has a story hour program at 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. All pre-schoolers and their parents are invited. There is also a teen night at the library on the first Thursday of the month. It goes from 4:30 until 6 p.m.

Don't forget that the Andover Food Pantry will be closed next Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Taran Vitale today, the 19th; Trevor Newman on the 22nd; Whitney Mills on the 23rd; Brianne Bailey on the 24th.

The Andover fifth-grade class will be having a bottle drive on Saturday, Dec. 5. Start saving now! Monies they collect will go toward their end-of-the-year field trip, which is always a fun-time! If you would like to donate bottles at any time, they may be dropped off at the school.

Enjoy the weekend.

## Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library officers and trustees had a meeting on Nov. 10.

They discussed results from the festival event and drawings for the theme baskets. Also considered was purchasing a new screen door. Winter hours were established. The library will be open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The librarian will work out of the Town Office during the coldest times. The library will be closed Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 while Peg is on vacation. It will open again on Dec. 7.

Several town road projects have been completed. Davis Road was ditched and supplied with a new gravel base that was crowned for water run off. A dangerous turn on South Shore Road was reconstructed with new ditching and riprap. The road surface was paved to prevent the turn from roughing up. The D.A. Wilson crew did the work.

Tax liens were recorded at the Oxford County Registry for unpaid 2008 taxes. The 2009 tax bills were sent out last week. A slight decrease in the tax rate created lower taxes for most everyone. The 2009 Commitment is available for viewing at [www.hanover-me.org](http://www.hanover-me.org).

Congratulations to those that were successful at deer hunting. We have heard that Andy Barlow did all right as did Keith Crockett.

## Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

This has been a slow week when it comes to news. I guess that is a good thing in some ways but doesn't do this column much good.

We have been having trouble with the car so that has not been much help. Ralph thinks the transmission is going which is an expensive proposition, and this car is probably not worth it. Fun. Fun.

Crystal Lake and my daughter-in-law, Lorene Mills, and four other ladies from our church went, Thursday, to Attitash for the annual Women's Retreat for the Northern New England District of the Assemblies of God. We have about 1,000 ladies going every year so they have to split them up into two groups of about 500 each on two different weekends. Anyhow, it used to be held down at the tip end of New Hampshire, so it has been a joy for us since they put it up to Attitash as that is only an hour's drive from here. With the health prob-

lems I have been coping with I decided not to go this year, but I am sure they are all having fun and we will hear all about it on Sunday.

We have our fall week of evangelistic meetings starting Sunday so it should be a busy day. The Rev. Nathan Pimental, who right now is the only evangelist on our district, will be there two Sundays and every evening except Thursday and Friday. I had the fun of putting over 30 songs into eight PowerPoint presentations Wednesday evening, but the worship team had it the hardest as they practiced them all for next week. Debbie said her throat was beginning to feel it by the time they were done. I can believe that!

I am not quite sure what I think of "The Maker's Diet" that we are studying on Wednesday evenings. Most of us have not really gotten into the diet part yet so we are thinking about doing it again, maybe for Lent. I am having a hard time with the concept of raw milk and real butter and other things, such as using palm and coconut oil, that I have always heard were so bad for you, and having no bread except Ezekiel Bread. He's not too enthused with medicine either; and, although I always say the things that are given me to keep me alive are killing me, I am not about to stop taking them even if I don't like them. I will go along with eating more fruits and vegetables, but he's also into eating more meat; and so, as I say, most of us are more studying the concept right now and not into the actual diet part of it. I will try to make up one night before the next time around if I will try the diet.

Had some ice on the pond this morning, folks. Guess what's coming!

## Mason



by Richard Grover

Last Saturday I decided to try hunting in new area since I've

had no luck around home. I went to Albany Township near Chris and Dianne Merrill's home. I spent all morn-

ing slowly hunting uphill to the south. By noon, it had begun to drizzle steadily, so I decided to head home and saw some wood for deck railing uprights. I checked the time on my cell phone because my watch quit, and put the cell back into my hunting jacket breast pocket. I followed the ATV track that I had come up to a brook crossing, where I stopped for a drink and to remove an irritant from the sock on my left foot. Then I headed straight down hill, following the ATV track until the brush and bushes got too thick, about 1/3 of a mile from the truck. I bushwhacked the rest of the way, following the sound of the brook. The clock in my truck read about 1 p.m. when I started home.

About half way home I decided to phone Mona and let her know I was on my way. Oh! Oh! My jacket pocket was empty! No cell phone there or in any other pockets. I must have dropped it on that hill either where I started home, or where I stopped at the brook crossing. Well, I'm going the rest of the way home and get a drink, some dry clothes and rubber boots before I head back looking for the phone.

It was about 2 p.m. when I got back to Chris and Dianne's. I headed back up through the "bushwhack thickets" thinking I would soon be on the ATV track. Boy, these old brush-filled skidder tracks all look alike in the fog and rain! I kept heading uphill and slightly to the right for about an hour, and nothing appeared familiar.

I checked the time on Mona's cell phone and found it to be about 3 p.m. Knowing that I had only about an hour before it started getting dark in the heavy rain, I decided to begin working my way back down hill to the truck before dark. I followed the first small brook back northward and downhill; after a short distance, I saw an elevated plateau to the right that looked familiar. It turned out to be the log yard where I had turned back on my first trip!

I phoned Mona to get the number of my cell phone, thinking I could call it and perhaps hear it ringing. No phone in this area, so I headed back down the ATV track

to the brook crossing. Aha! I spied the phone in the track before I reached the brook crossing. The phone lit up when I opened it, but it would not ring when I rang home. Oh, well. Maybe when it gets dried out.

Back at the truck, I opened the wet phone and placed it on the dash to dry it out with the window defogger fan and hot air. Back at home the phone worked like a champ!

At church, Bud Kulik told me a deer/moose story he experienced at the game tagging station at the Bear River gas station/variety store. A woman apparently from away (I won't call her a flatlander) told Bud she had a question and asked him if he was a hunter. He told her that he wasn't but he would try to answer her question. "Well, how old does a buck deer have to be before he turns into a moose?" she asked, apparently serious. Bud stilled a smile, and answered calmly, "I think about seven years!" Apparently satisfied, the woman thanked him and left.

## Waterford



by Rockie Graham

We're getting up to turkey day. As I've said before, that is my favorite holiday. We shall go to daughter Becky's house and cook for her family and ours. Tasha will have to wait for leftovers. She is patient, as long as they do come. Chickens and turkey are her favorite foods. Give her dog food with lamb and she turns up her nose. Maybe she was a sheep in a previous life! In any case, the big day is coming soon. I am glad it is not

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also a workday.

In this line, Bethel Alliance Church is having a Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 26 from 12 to 3 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP (that means please call and respond) at 824-2289.

Keep hearing of more and more cases of swine flu. Hard to believe so many have not gotten shots and that so many have died that weren't in the high-risk categories. Have to wonder if they really know who is most at risk. Me, I will stick with my homeopathics and vitamins and healthy living. I think that helps as much as a shot can. Of course I say that knowing full well that although I am in a high-risk category, I cannot have one as I can only have very fresh eggs and the shot is made in eggs. Still it is kind of scary to have this looming over our heads. Wash those hands and if you are ill, stay home.

On Nov. 19 there is a community potluck supper at the Wilkins House in Waterford. All are welcome. Just bring a dish to share. It starts at 6 p.m. There will also be games. It is on Plummer Hill Road next to the white church.

Saturday and Sunday the Bethel Senior Players will perform several plays at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. Check elsewhere in this paper for times.

Am off to check on the dishes. I have been using my new book — Bread in 5 minutes a day — and tonight we made pizzas. It takes a lot longer than 5 minutes, but it is gluten free bread, and pizzas. So far I have made bread, pizza and sesame baguettes. They don't rise much, but they do taste good. That is what is important.

Have a great week and watch out for those hunters. If they haven't gotten their deer, they will start to get hungry.

## West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

We are now, at last, getting some warmer weather. The leaves have now fallen from the maple

trees. I feel like making a huge pile and jumping in. Oh! to be a kid again! In my neighborhood many have their Christmas decorations up and twinkling. And Thanksgiving hasn't even arrived yet. I will wait until the big turkey day is over before I light up.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, at the West Paris Universalist Church the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Giving Thanks, Being Thankful." The service is at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. Come join us. A coffee hour follows.

On Monday, Nov. 23, not on the 24th as printed in the Church news letter, the Goodwill Fellowship will meet with Beverly Stevens at 5 p.m. for a potluck supper followed by the regular meeting.

Don't forget the chicken pie supper on the 19th at 5 p.m. at the Universalist Church. The pies are clear chicken and gravy served with potatoes, peas, squash, cranberry sauce and hot rolls. Coffee and homemade dessert pies of all kinds will top it all off. This same kind of supper has been served on the Thursday before Thanksgiving for over a hundred years. Come join us.

The Cotton Tops drove to Bethel and walked their riverside trail on Friday. There were ten of us and all completed the walk up and back. After all the fresh air and exercise we followed up with a hearty breakfast at Cross Roads.

Vince and Beverly Stevens joined Roger and Beverly Thayer at Bosbicks for breakfast over the week-end.

David Olson visited Joyce Lamb on Sunday. He and my oldest son, Joe, were in the same class and graduated in the last class at West Paris High School. They have been friends all these years. It was nice to see the old friend as he and my son are nearing retirement and social security. Sure makes me aware of my age!

Peg Lamb and husband Mike Seaton visited Sunday to help me celebrate my birthday a bit late. They brought lunch and I made biscuits. Peg brought the ingredients and baked a large chocolate zucchini cake. It is better served warm with ice cream and was delicious. They also brought a box of Kennebec Chocolates made in Augusta, for they are one of my favorites.

Muffin likes company but is a bit shy of Mazie, my daughter's dog. The dog is no longer a puppy and is much quieter. Maybe they will become friends eventually.

From

## Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Cross Stone Restaurant in Woodstock for their meeting and luncheon with 43 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Doris Mills and the door prize by Ruth Hazelton.

The next meeting will be Dec. 9 at the Funky Red Barn on Summer Street in Bethel. Meeting will start at 11 a.m. This will be the Christmas Party but in place of gifts members are asked to bring food for the food pantry, or cash donations for Christmas for Children or Nina Wheeler's Christmas for Families. Reservations are required before Dec. 7 by calling Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877. This will be a roast pork dinner and the price is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

The following were appointed to the nominating committee: Edleen Winslow, Florence Merrill and Barbara Patterson.

The Thanksgiving Dinner at Telstar for Senior Citizens is Nov. 22 at 12 noon.

Dec. 8 at 12 noon is the date and time for the Rotary Club dinner at the Locke Mills Legion Hall for Senior Citizens.

The January meeting will be Jan. 13 at the Bethel Inn. The menu will be a haddock dinner and the price is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. Reservations are required by calling Nancy at 824-3350 or Arlene at 824-2877.

The speaker was Wayne Howe, who gave a very interesting slide program on Alaska.

November birthdays are: Ernest Angevine, Nancy Brown, Eleanor Brooks, Ray Cole, Robert Davis, Maurice Lescault and Grace Douglass.

From

## Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Two grand prize raffles and more than 50 Bethel area businesses are being featured at the Third Annual Bethel Area Business and Home Expo and the Taste of Bethel, to be held at the Telstar Regional High School complex on Route 26, one mile south of Bethel Village, on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.

The doors for the Business and Home Expo, which will be held in the gymnasium, will open at 10 a.m. Everyone coming to the Expo will be eligible to win one of two raffles for 100 gallons of oil, compliments of Brooks Bros. and Dead River Company. One will be drawn at noon and the other at 2 p.m. Admission is free to the Expo.

The Taste of Bethel, a wonderful tradition, opens at 12 noon in the Telstar cafeteria. A dozen area restaurants will be offering delectable samples of their cuisine. Tickets for samples are a reasonable \$1 each. They will be served until all gone — come early for the best choice!

Exhibitors in the Expo will include our sponsors: Stanley's Furniture & Maine Made Furniture, Northeast Bank, United Insurance, Stephens Memorial Hospital, W.J. Wheeler & Co., Inc., Turner Publishing, Norway Savings Bank, Key Bank, Bethel Citizen, Western Maine Supply and 40-plus other area merchants and business providers. Many of these businesses will be holding raffles at their booths and all will be awaiting your visit. A new addition to the show is Mt. Abram Resort selling discounted lift tickets in their booth.

For more information, or to learn how you can be an exhibitor, please contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282 or info@bethelmaine.com.

From

## Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will meet on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Crescent Park

School on Crescent Lane in Bethel. There will be a training for Caucus Convenors from 2 to 3:15 p.m., followed by a County Democrats meeting, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., open to all who are interested in electing Democrats. The agenda will include time for candidate remarks, updates from field organizers, filling vacancies on convention committees, and planning for the 2010 campaign.

The Oxford County Democrats recently lost a true friend and tremendous volunteer, Rich Plante, to cancer. Rich was instrumental in the election of Rep. Sheryl Briggs in the 2007 special election, driving to doors daily. His work also included reorganizing the Mexico Democratic Committee and in assisting with video projects. County Chair Cathy Newell stated, "Basically Rich was always there to help and he will be greatly missed." The Oxford County Democrats made a donation in Rich's memory to the Meroby School, 21 Cross Street, Mexico 04257, where Rich taught for many years.

The 2010 Maine Democratic Caucus meetings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31, between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m. at locations throughout Oxford County. Nearly all towns have a designated caucus convenor, with the goal of covering all the towns prior to the scheduled training in December. Oxford County Democrats' Treasurer Roy Gedat, stated, "The caucus meetings, even in a non-Presidential year, are vital to the organization of our party. We will be working hard on ways to make the meetings productive in advancing issues, helping our candidates, as well as conducting the essential business of the caucus."

Information about the Oxford County Democrats is available at [www.oxforddems.org](http://www.oxforddems.org) or on Facebook.

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## Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

An engaged audience listened intently as members of a panel discussed the early days of skiing at Sunday River

and Mt. Abram at an Oral History Session sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society and held on Nov. 12 in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Panelists who recalled the early days of these ski areas included Avery Angevine, Jack Trinward, Ginny Cole, Connie Thurston, Gary Fuller, Peter Thurston, Clarence Howe and Paul Bodwell. Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe served as moderator for the evening.

Sunday River began raising funds for the construction of facilities by selling stock, while Mt. Abram depended on the hard work of the Cross brothers. Both areas relied heavily upon volunteers in those early days. Being entirely weather dependent was also another factor that made life difficult for both areas in those early days before snow-making. A number of leading figures and memorable people were also recalled. Changes in ski equipment through the years were noted as well.

Skiing in the Bethel area began in the early decades of the last century. There were once ski jumps on John Anderson's property in the Steam Mill section of town and in the area off Lover's Lane known as Devil's Kitchen. By the 1940s, the Bethel Ski Tow was established on Vernon Street. It was the vision of having a mountain rather than a single steep hill that motivated individuals to look for a larger site. In addition, it was a commercial decision by some businessmen to enhance the economic prospects of the greater Bethel area.

Both ski resorts had their beginnings approximately fifty years ago this year and the society will open an exhibit on this ski heritage on Nov. 21 in its O'Neil Robinson House, 1 to 4 p.m.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society, with over 1,100 members, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. The society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents.

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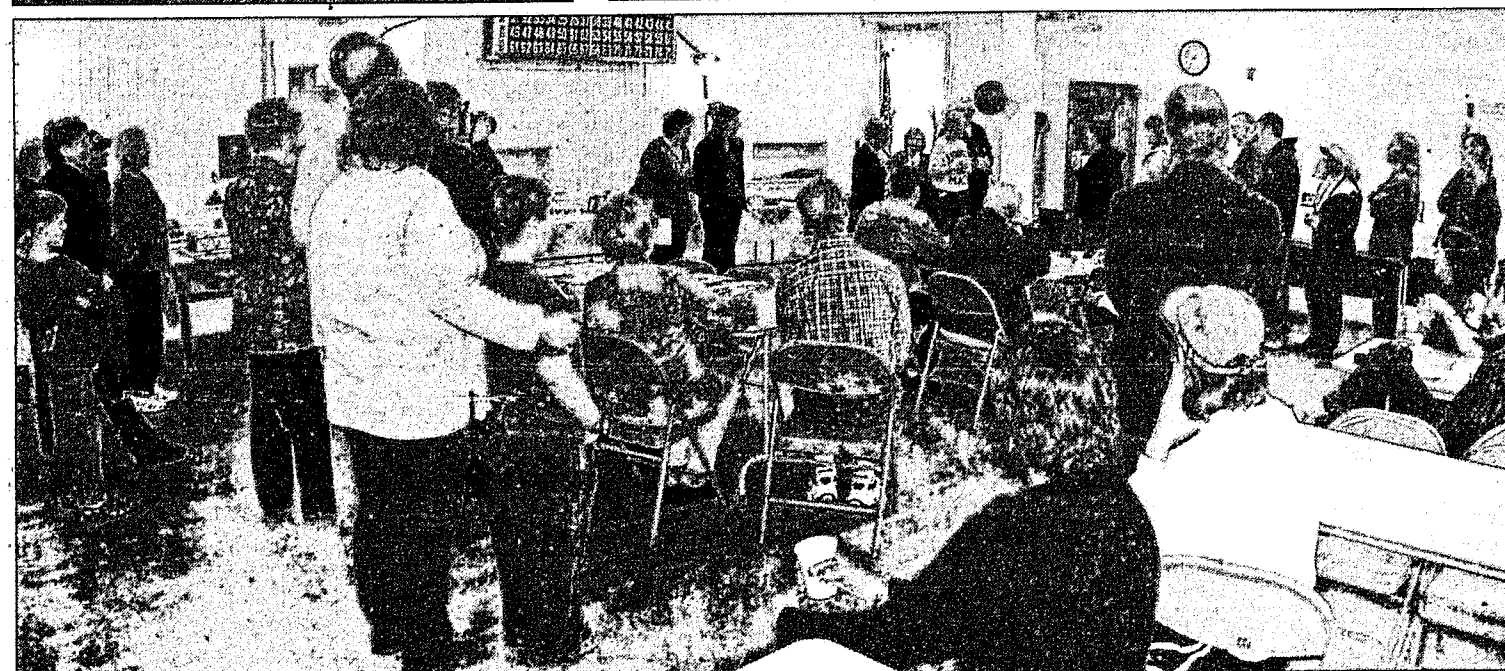
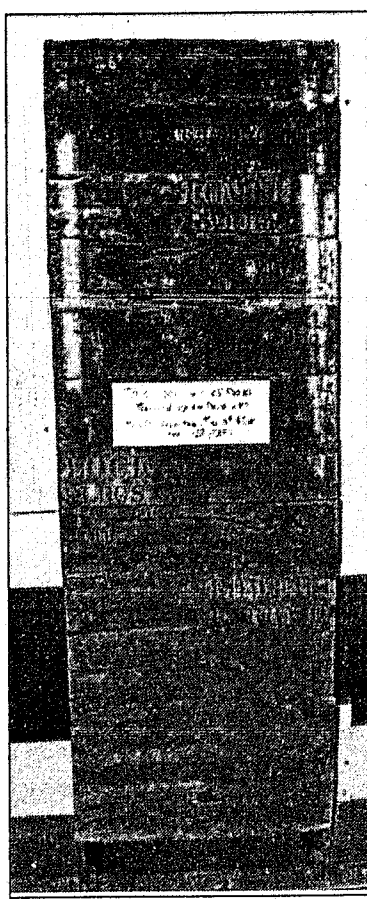
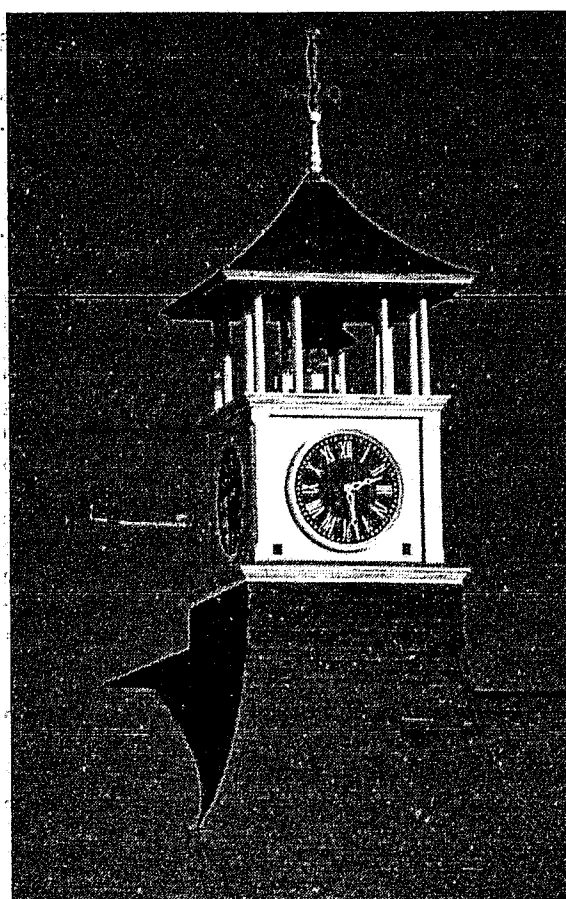
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# Andover Town Clock centennial celebration

Nov. 15, 1909—Nov. 15, 2009



CLOCKWISE (of course), from top left: Andover's town clock, on the occasion of its 100th birthday; the clock's shipping box that doubled as a counterweight container, holding 2,000 pounds of rocks for the past century (a new one is now in service); clock/Town Hall volunteers Jerry Melzar, Freeman Farrington, Peggy Madigan (clock winder), Elissa Thibodeau and Melinda Averill with a birthday cake created by Sally Smith; Roger Mills, a former clockwinder, looks at clock displays in

the Town Hall; clock admirers listen to speakers presenting information on the history and workings of the clock. Pastor Jane Rich offered a blessing for the clock (below). A contest took place to guess the number of rocks in the counterweight box. Sheila Mills won, guessing 1,500. The actual number: 1,480. About 80 people turned out for the two-hour open house on Sunday, Nov. 15. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

## Blessing for the Town Hall Clock

For 100 years the town hall clock has chimed, except when it wasn't working, to remind people not only of the time, but of each other and this place we call home, Andover. All of us who can hear it miss it when it is not working. We wake up in the middle of the night, and instead of turning on the light and looking at our own clocks, we listen for the town hall clock so we know what time it is. Hearing the clock somehow makes us think all is right in our world.

Nothing I can say, nor any blessing I can give, can truly bless this clock. It has already been blessed by all those who have tended her from Arthur Lang, the first ringer, to Peggy Madigan, the current master of the clock, and all those in between. It has been blessed by all who have donated to see her repaired, including those who did the actual work. It has been blessed by the sentiment on the cake, "May this bell forevermore ring." It has been blessed by all of you who have come today to honor this milestone of the 100th anniversary of the clock, which first rang at 4:50 p.m. on Nov. 15, 1909. We all hope that on Nov. 15, 2109 she will still be ringing over this village of Andover.

Things like this town clock and hall, the common and its memorials, live on long after we are gone, and we hope future generations will thank us for our stewardship of this important feature of our town, just as we thank those who have gone before, including the King's Daughters local chapter that donated the clock for the price of what today would be a mere \$600, but today would be considerably more. So let us ask the blessing of the creator and sustainer of the universe for the great gift of the continuation of our clock and bell and all that entails.

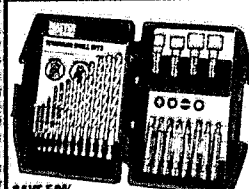
Sustainer of the universe, you who give men the ability to make wonderful things that have meaning in our lives such as our clock, we ask that you bless all who have had a part in its restoration, as well as the clock itself, so that it may ring continually over our valley and all who dwell in it. We give you thanks that you have enabled each one of us to witness this wonderful event in the history of our town. May our thoughts always be drawn upward to you with each ringing of the bell, so that we are ever grateful for this gift and for the gift of life and this earth upon which we dwell.

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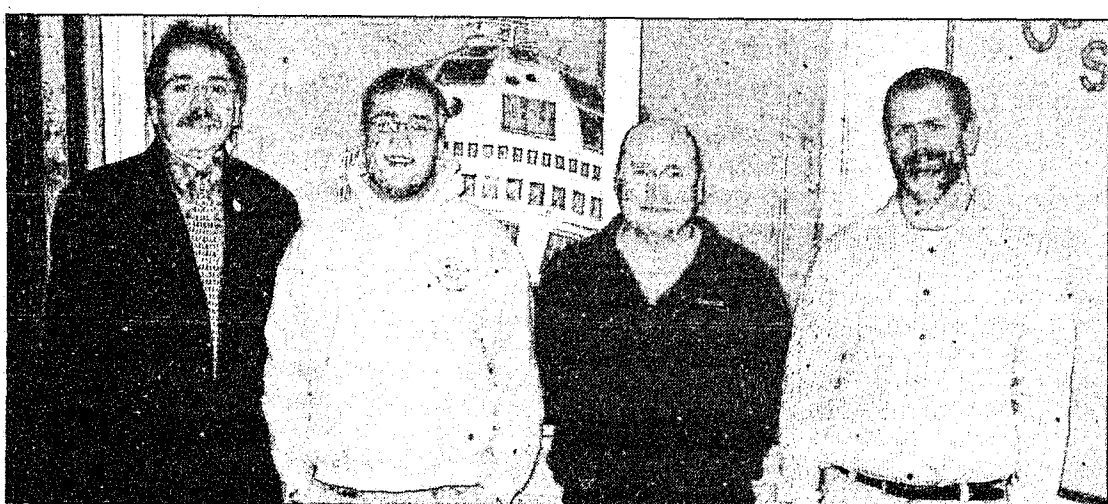
**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 FOOTBALL**  
Seth Shimamura (Iron Man Award, Four-Year Football Award, Mike Fitzmorris (Defensive Player of the Year, Four-Year Football Award, and September Athlete of the Month); T.J. O'Connor (Dedicated to Football Award and October Athlete of the Month); Drew Wilson (Most Improved Award). Absent: Kenny Haas (Lineman of the Year Award), and Will Lyman (Rookie of the Year Award).



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 SOCCER**  
Tyler Brown (Mountain Valley Conference First Team All-Star); Elek Pew (MVC Honorable Mention); Dan Vaughn (MVC First Team All-Star, Telstar Coaches Award). Absent: Ethan Morin (MVC Honorable Mention).



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2009 GOLF**  
Danny Whitney (Coach's Award); Kyle Peterson (Rookie of the Year); and Trevor Kendall (Senior Award).



**TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM**—During the 2008-09 school year, the SAD44 Education Committee, Superintendent David Murphy, THS Principal Dan Hart and School-to-Work Advisory Committee members worked to develop, approve and implement a School-to-Work Program for Telstar High School juniors and seniors. In mid-September of this school year, THS senior Mick Kelly was the first School-to-Work student to be employed. Mick was hired by Savage Construction as a construction laborer. In about nine weeks time, Mick has earned his Class B truck/heavy equipment license and is working on his Class A operator's license. Mike is also operating various heavy equipment through his work experience at various construction projects. Pictured from left: THS Principal Dan Hart, Mick Kelly, Rick Savage of Savage Construction and Tim O'Connor, THS School-to-Work Coordinator.



**PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARDS AT TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Pictured are students in the top 15 percent of the country in physical fitness, based on their performance in five fitness events. Front: Jacob Bennett, Rebecca Howard, Shannon Alanskas, Hayley Peterson. Middle: Maverik Griffin, Hunter Williamson, Gabi Stone, Victoria Ryerson. Back: Nick Johnson, Mitchell Lehman, Cameron Pike, Nik Conrad, Austin Ryerson. Missing from the picture are Savanna Patenaude, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle and Cathryn Haberman-Fake. Qualifying for the National Physical Fitness Award (placing in the top 50 percent in the U.S. in five fitness events) were Hali Barter, Rachel Barton, Michael Bennett, Zachary Black, MacKenzie Blake, Cassandra Blaszcak, Savannah Blood, Travis Brown, Molly Bruce, Tyler Cherkis, Dharma Damon, Jillian DeLallo, Aislinn Forbes, Autumn Fournier, Vanessa Godwin, Maisy Griffin, Josef Holt, Jordan Kulig, Alexander Manning, Eliza Miele, Gabrielle Monzo, Autumn Morin, Octavia Morin, Jessica Myers, Andriadora Pilgrim Guay, Sophie Racine, Anna Saucier, Ashley Savage, Shaynah Seames, Shyanne Shannon, Madeline Simard, Cassidy Smith, Anneliese Smith, Amber Souve, Brendon Stearns, Justin Stearns, Blair Stevens, Jaret Vermette, Brianna Vitale, Kayla Waterhouse, Caleb Wilday, Olivia York, Brandon Zadakis.

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**Intergenerational Plays:**

According to all reports, the two plays, "Trial of Goldilocks" and "Crooked Town," presented at Crescent Park School last Thursday were a huge success. All fifth-grade students from Crescent Park School, Andover and Woodstock participated with the Senior College Players while third- and fourth-grade students enjoyed the show.

Teachers reported that the students said they really had fun performing, and the Crescent Park fifth-graders were especially fond of the "animal masks" they used in the show. Lynn Arizzi, director, said "anytime you can hold the attention of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders for an hour, you've got to be great! The students seemed mesmerized."

Players also enjoyed interacting with the students. Those performing included: Carole and Ross Timberlake, Joe Arizzi, Rosabelle Tiff, Norman Milliard, Tineke Ouwinga, Mary Kay Colbath, Joanne Morse, Lorrie Hoeh, Roberta Taylor, Arita Zitoli, Barbara Dion, Karen Paul and Walter Brough.

**Annual Performance:**

Plan to see the Senior College Players in comic and serious skits as they present their annual fall performance on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the McLaughlin Trustees Auditorium, Gould Academy. With the exception of "A Merry Regiment of Women," different plays will be performed on each date so plan to attend both times and enjoy a weekend of theater. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to offset Royalty fees. For more information, contact director Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

From

**U. Maine 4-H  
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Bryant Pond 4-H Camp matches challenge grant



The Bolger Foundation of Ridgewood, N.J., has awarded the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond a check in the amount of \$200,000 for construction of a new 4-season classroom building for teen and youth natural resource education. Last fall, the Bolger Foundation challenged the camp to raise matching donations within a year's time in order to receive the funds. The check arrived in the mail on Monday.

Additional supporters of the project include the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden, the Brook Family Foundation, Grover Gun Drilling, Inc., as well as many private individual donors.

Bryant Pond has been very successful with new programs and new initiatives in the past year. Our leadership team has decided that it is worth our efforts to build a larger

building to meet our capacity needs. Therefore, our efforts to secure additional funding are still underway. The professional architectural design estimate for completing the project is \$595,000.

Plans for the new building include: sleeping quarters and bath facilities for 32 teens and/or youth, two classroom spaces, a small kitchen, a seasonal infirmary, a library and a museum-quality display of local Maine minerals, geology curriculum materials, and a wildlife collection.

The Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center's summer camp, school and community programs currently reach over 4,000 youth participants in spring, summer and fall programs. This new building will allow programs to operate through all four seasons and to meet our teen programming needs in the summer and fall.

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**DRAMA FOR ALL AGES**—The Senior College Players last week teamed up with SAD44 fifth-graders to perform "The Trial of Goldilocks" and "The Crooked Town" at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Left: "Bad Goldilocks" (Carol Timberlake) eats all of Baby Bear's Porridge. Children are from Woodstock Elementary School: Kaitlyn Brown, with Tehya Johnson and Deziree MacKillop in the background. Top: In "The Crooked Town," Tineke Ouwinga narrates. At right is senior player Walter Brough, as a peddler who brought happiness to the town with his mirror and kazoos, and children, played by AES pupils Abigail Wheeler, Alex Duclos, Jacob Rainey (bent over), George Wheeler, Taylor Merrill, Jakob Bacheller (hidden), and Hunter Field-Nadeau. The Senior Players will perform again this weekend. "A Merry Regiment of Women" is a farce about a meeting of the women from Shakespeare's various plays. The play is one of several to be presented by the Players on Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and on Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Trustees Auditorium, Gould Academy. Below, from left: Arita Zitoli as Cleopatra; Roberta Taylor as Desdemona; Joanne Morse as Lady MacBeth; Mary Kay Colbath as Kate the Shrew; Carole Timberlake as Juliet and Lorrie Hoeh as Juliet's nurse. Also appearing in the play are Joe Arizzi as Petruchio; Ross Timberlake as Henry V; Norman Milliard as Romeo; and Karen Paul as Margaret. FMI contact director Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

(Photos: CPS, A. Aloisio; Shakespeare group, J. Arizzi)



Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center is to provide affordable, experiential education and the development of outdoor skills, within a natural setting for people of all ages and

backgrounds. This mission supports the broader mission of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, "to help Maine people improve

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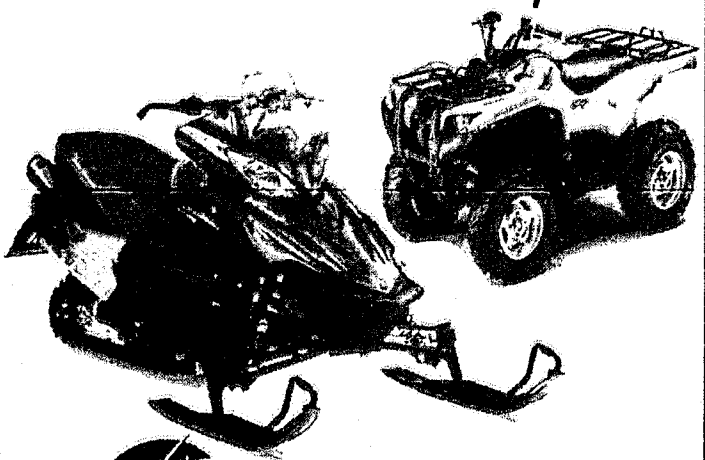
Notice is here given that the Town of Bethel, Maine, Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on 7th, December, 2009, to take public comments on the proposed amendment to the Loan Agreement relating to \$2,700,000 Town of Bethel, Maine, Education Revenue Bonds (Gould Academy Issue - Series 2000) which amendment may be treated as a new issue of bonds under federal tax law.

The Bonds were issued to (1) finance the design and construction of a new dining facility, (2) finance renovations of Gehring Hall, an existing girls' dormitory, and (3) refinance a loan used to renovate improvements made to Vogt House, a small girls' dormitory, all of which are owned and operated by Gould Academy (the "Borrower") and all of which are located on the campus of the Borrower located at 39 Church Street, Bethel, Maine. Such Bonds constitute a limited obligation of the Town.

All persons who desire to be heard on the proposed amendment of the Bonds are invited to attend the public hearing. The Board of Selectmen of the Town will consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the amendment of Bonds at a Board of Selectmen's meeting following the public hearing.

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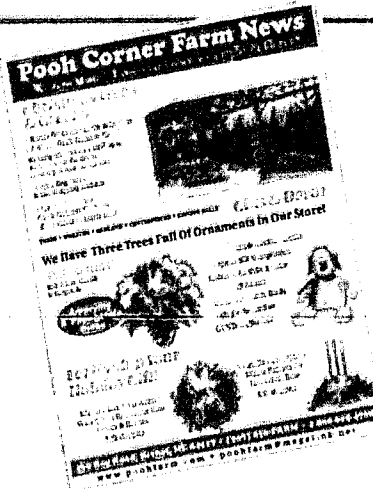
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# MAHOOSUC KIDS

## Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

### From the Director

Many thanks to all our families and friends that helped us celebrate "Lights on Afterschool" in October. We had such a great time and hopefully brought some attention to the fact that quality Afterschool programs are a very important part of our community. Our Family community dinner was a great success with about 100 people attending.

We are very grateful to the Sunday River Brew Pub and the Funky Red Barn for donating food for the event. We received approximately \$365 in donations which will go into our senior scholarship fund.

The students continue to be very busy this month doing community service projects. TMS students made cards that were delivered to the Maine Veterans Home in honor of Veterans Day. The CPS students are busy making centerpieces for the Annual NHS Senior Citizens Dinner which is on November 22nd at Telstar. Look for us at the Mahoosuc Kids booth at the Bethel Chamber Business Showcase on Dec 5th. MKA along with the Chamber and the Bethel Rotary Club will be giving children jingle bells so they can participate in the Jingle Bell Run later in the afternoon.

On behalf of all of us at Mahoosuc Kids have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

- Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Pictured with an edible plant cell created from cake, fruit, and crackers are some of the participants in Crescent Park School's MKA enrichment group, Science Sensations. Pictured from left to right are: Kaitlee Turnick, Emily Brownstein, Marta Opie, and Preston Fultz. James Newkirk is also in the group.



Tiffany Waterhouse, Madison Hayes, and Madisyn Bean are enjoying the pizza that they made at the Lights on Afterschool Event on October 22nd at Woodstock Elementary.



Both TMS and THS had a great turnout at their Lights on Afterschool event. We had an ice cream social, and then afterwards, the Middle School did a scavenger hunt. It was the boys against the girls. They had to figure out the clues and find where the letters were hidden. After they found the letters they had to figure out what they meant. The High School played games in the gym.

## Lights on Afterschool 2009 Event at Crescent Park School

MKA provided an afternoon of fun activities from decorating a pumpkin into a turkey, decorating cookies and pretzels, pin the nose on the pumpkin, twister, scavenger hunt, donut bobbing.



Sammy Miller and Austin Westliegh making their turkey pumpkins



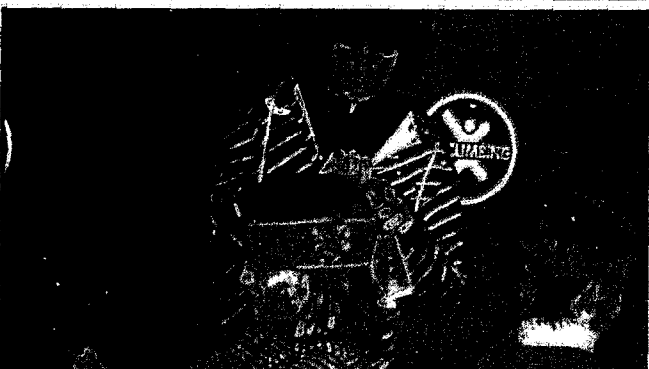
Erin Buthlay and Henry Schroeder with their turkey pumpkin



Manny Garcia, Avery Lehman, Mario DeVivo, Chase Ormiston decorating their cookies and pretzels



Mckinley Braley, Jacob Putnam, Tom Watson, Tristen Lilly getting twisted in twister



Cameron Bouchard (high school volunteer) Isabel Chase, Max Ochtera pinning the nose on the pumpkin



Jodi Putnam bobbing for her donut



Charles Hodge with his donut



Back Row-Matt Chiasson, Maddox Ormiston, India Orino, Regan Kauf, Abby Marshall, Wynter Morin Front Row-Savannah Merrill, Shawna Howard-Berube, Jodi Putnam, James Newkirk, Leah Angevine, Paige Dutterer, Jan-Nay Learned-Stewart, Dylan Richmond finishing the skeleton scavenger hunt

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# Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p\_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 - **At Norway Library**: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

## Thursday, Nov. 19

6 to 7 p.m. - **Support group for children with disabilities** starts today and will meet third Thursday each month, except December. Place: Office of Special Education Director, Crescent Park School, Bethel. FMI: call 836-2055 (Tabatha Steward, Maine state representative for Unlocking Autism).

## November 19, 20, 21 and 22

8 p.m. (Nov. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21) and 2 p.m. (Nov. 15, 22) - **"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,"** presentation by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, 15 Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and children 12 and under on sale at Books N. Things, Norway. FMI: call 739-6200 or visit www.ohmpaa.org.

## Thru Nov. 20

Gideon Hastings House Dinners, 22 Broad Street, Bethel, to

## It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

benefit new Skate Park. Enjoy an Italian cuisine. 50 percent of food sales and 100 percent of gratuity will be donated to Bethel Skate Park. Buy gift certificate from now to Christmas and 20 percent of proceeds will help the park.

## Thursday, Nov. 19

4 to 7:30 p.m. - **Telstar Library Scholastic Book Fair** special event. All welcome. Book Fair open 7:30 to 2:30 p.m. this week.

5:30 p.m. (first setting) - **Chicken Pie Supper** at First Universalist Church, West Paris. Tickets on sale at 4:30 p.m. (\$8 and \$3 for under 12). Menu: all meat chicken pies, squash, peas, potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert pies. Craft items, raffle on quilt. Proceeds from quilt split with West Paris Library for building fund.

## Friday, Nov. 20

10:30 a.m. - **Oxford County Education Association-Retired** luncheon/meeting. Speaker: Henry Carbone, MEA-R, will give Legislative Update. Silent auction and calendar raffle. If not on phone tree, call 743-7677 to reserve lunch.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Mobile Office** at Norway Town Hall, 19 Danforth Street, to assist consumers with re-enrollment or enrollment, if desired, in Medicare Part D prescription plan. Appointment required (800-427-1241). Free and open to public. If snow, Mobile Office will cancel.

## Saturday, Nov. 21

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Pumpkin Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner (IGA) to benefit Bethel Food Pantry.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Holiday Fair** at Lovell U.C.C., Route 5, Center Lovell. Fresh balsam wreaths, berry bowls, fir pillows, baked goods, luncheon, etc. Complete Thanksgiving dinner raffle.

1 to 4 p.m. - **"Sunday River, Mt. Abram, and More: Celebrating the Skiing Heritage of the Bethel Area"** Exhibit commemorates 50th anniversaries of the ski resorts as well as heritage of the Bethel area at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House, 10 Broad Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

2 to 4 p.m. - **End of Season Art Exhibit: Student Art - Explorations**, student art, ages six thru 14 at Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Open to public. Refreshments. FMI: Arla Patch, 665-2224 or 890-0966 or visit www.arlapatch.com.

7 p.m. - **Schuss-boom and Schuss-bust: Maine Skiing's Fast-paced Growth and Face-plants, 1945-2009** presentation by Scott Andrews in conjunction with new skiing exhibit at Mason House exhibit hall of Bethel Historical Society.

## Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22

**Senior College Players** present several plays at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, Bethel. Times: Nov. 21, 7 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 22, 2:30 to 4:30. Public invited and admission free. Donations accepted to offset Royalty fees. FMI: call Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

## Saturdays, Nov. 21 and 28

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** plays old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: \$.50. Lunch counter open. FMI: call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723.

## Sunday, Nov. 22

Noon - **Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner** hosted by Telstar High School National Honor Society at the cafeteria. Doors open 11:45 a.m.

2 p.m. - **Karin Spitfire**, performance poet, first poet laureate of Belfast and wilderness guide, presents her unique poetry with Jim Mello and Tom Fallon at First Light, 28 Congress Street, Rumford. Free. Refreshments. FMI: call Tom Fallon at 364-7237 or 357-6505 or e-mail tf@maineliterature.org.

## Monday, Nov. 23

11:30 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning**, free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: call (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

## Thursday, Nov. 26

12 to 3 p.m. - **Thanksgiving Dinner** at Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). All welcome. Please RSVP to 824-2289 by Nov. 15. Transportation available.

## Friday, Nov. 27

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Annual Local Crafts and Wares Fair**, sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center. Many local crafters. FMI: 824-2282.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - **Book Signing** by Dean Bennett, author of "Nature and Renewal: Wild River Valley and Beyond," and Power Point program at Bethel Historical Society's exhibit hall of Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street. FMI: 824-2908.

**Wilderness House Grand Opening** (former Sunday River Inn). Café open.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** along Bethel streets sponsored by Oxford Networks.

2 to 5 p.m. - **Harvest Gold Gallery**, Route 5, Center Lovell, Special Artist Reception to present works of Thomas K. Merriam, self-taught artist, On display thru Jan. 1. Refreshments served. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

7 p.m. - **Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Performers' sign-up 6:30 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available. FMI: call Heather at 985-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

## Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27 and 28

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Post Thanksgiving Early Evening Shows. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children 12 and under.

## November 27 thru December 24

**Country Christmas in Bethel** - Wagon rides through Bethel Village, Taste of Bethel and Theme Auction (Dec. 5), open houses, shopping specials, Santa, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, Living Nativity (Dec. 20). FMI: 824-2282.

## Saturday, Nov. 28

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Food and Craft Sale** at Rumford Grange, 115, Rumford Center Grange Hall. Tables available at \$8 each. Cup of corn chowder and biscuit \$2, along with other sandwiches and food items for sale.

10 to 12 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - **Wreath Workshop** at McLaughlin Garden, 97 Main Street, South Paris. Demonstration on making lasting cranberry wreath for holiday decorating. Cost: \$30 members and \$35 nonmembers. Pre-registration required (743-8820).

Noon to 4 p.m. - **Mt. Abram Ski Club Ski Swap** first floor base lodge ticket concourse. 8 to 10 a.m. equipment drop-off. FMI: e-mail skiclub@skimtabram.com.

2 p.m. - **33rd Annual Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade**, "A Musical Christmas." FMI: to register float call 743-2281 or visit www.OxfordHillsMaine.com.

## Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29

8 a.m. to Noon - **Annual Demo Days** at Sunday River. Register at South Ridge Lodge (\$10).

## Sunday, Nov. 29

7:30 to 11:00 - **Annual Fall All-You-Can Eat Country Breakfast**, fundraiser for various Club projects by Bethel Rotary Club, at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. Advance tickets: \$7 available from club members, Riverview Resort, The Inn at Rostay, Ellie's Gym, and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Tickets at door: \$8 adults and \$3 children 12 or younger.

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## Library Hours

**Andover Library**: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

**Bethel Library**: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

**Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill**: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

**Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond**: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

**West Paris Library, West Paris**: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

**Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover**: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

**Upton Library**: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

## Items for the Community Calendar

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## Church Services

### ALBANY

**Congregational Church** - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

### ANDOVER

**First Congregational Church** - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

**Calvary Bible Church** - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

### BETHEL

**Bethel Alliance Church** - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

**Church of the Nazarene** - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

**Episcopal House Church** - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

**Our Lady of the Snows** - Saturday mass at 6 p.m.. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

**West Bethel Union** - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

### Pleasant Valley Bible

- Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

**Church of Christ** - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

**Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship**: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

### EAST STONEHAM

**Oxford County United Parish Churches** in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

**GORHAM, NH** **Assembly of God** - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

**Gorham Congregational Church** - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

**LOCKE MILLS** **Locke Mills Union** - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### MEXICO

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

### NEWRY

**Sunday River Christian Ministry** - with Rev. Don Coverdale. I Special services: Fall Festival weekend - (Oct. 11) on the deck of North Peak Lodge; New Time Alert: 9:00 am; and the special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service - (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge; 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27). For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

### NORWAY/PARIS

**First Church of Christ, Scientist** - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

**North Paris Federation** - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

**Oxford Hills Friends** (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

**Christ Episcopal Church** - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays.

Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

**First Baptist Church of Paris** - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

**St. Catherine's** - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway** - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

### OXFORD

**St. Mary's** - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

**Our Lady of Ransom**: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### RUMFORD

**St. Barnabus Episcopal Church** - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

### RUMFORD CENTER

**Praise Assembly of God** - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

### RUMFORD POINT

**Rumford Point Church** - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

### SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

### WEST PARIS

**Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris** - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

**West Paris Baptist** - Sunday Worship 9:15 am. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

**West Paris Congregational Church** - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

### WOODSTOCK

**Bryant Pond Baptist** - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

**Woodstock Seventh day Adventist** - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

**Pinkhook Meeting House** (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Maahoosuc Mountain Friends** - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.







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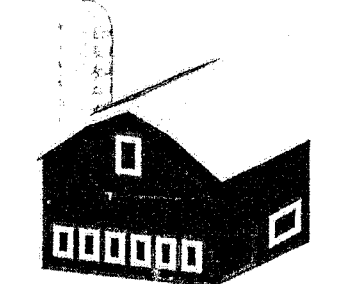
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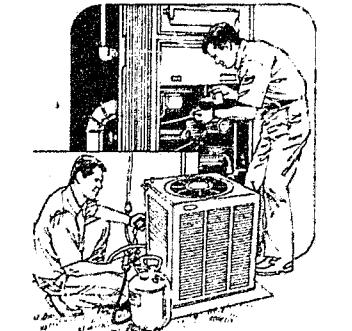
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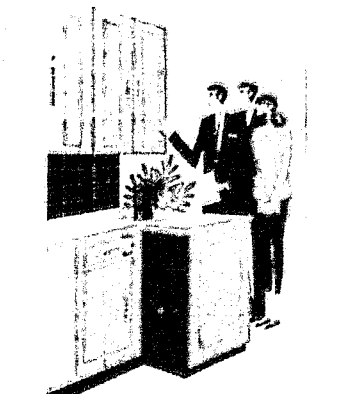


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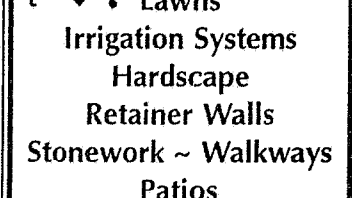
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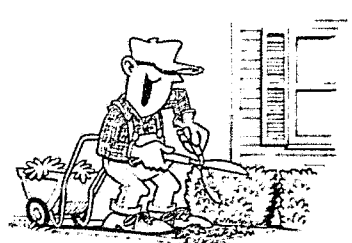
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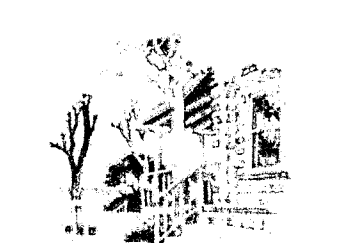
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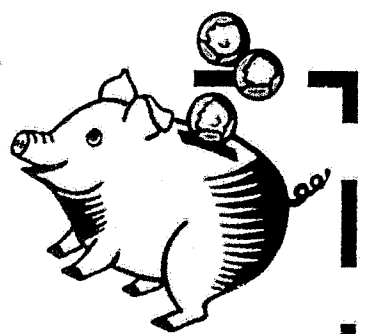
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# Obituaries



## BERTHA M. FLANDERS

Bertha May Flanders, 99, of South Paris, died Nov. 13, 2009.

She was born June 25, 1910 on Bird Hill in Bethel the daughter of Charles and Ella (Thomas) Jordan and was educated in Locke Mills schools and lived on Bird Hill in Bethel all of her life. Bertha married George Flanders on June 25, 1930, he died in 1967. She had worked at E.L. Tebbets and Ekco Wood Products for 46 years, retiring in 1975.

Bertha was the oldest member of the Locke Mills Union Church, a life member of the Franklin Grange, member of the ladies circle, senior citizens of both Bethel and Bryant Pond, a life member of the Maine State Grange and had been a member of the Jefferson Chapter O.E.S. since 1938 having served as Worthy Matron in 1946 and again in 1972. She had made pies for the church suppers for many years; she is a wonderful cook.

She was known as Aunt Bertha to most of the people of Locke Mills.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Ansel, LeRoy and Orlando and one sister, Edna Morse Moxey. She will be greatly missed by several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Kelly Bickford, Vera Cross and Harriet Gilpatrick for all their time and caring for Bertha as well as thanking all the nurses at Norway Rehabilitation for the care they gave her.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Locke Mills Union Church with burial in the Mt. Abram Cemetery.

Memorials in Bertha's name are requested to the Locke Mills Union Church, Locke Mills, Maine 04255. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).



## MARY ELLEN WHEELER

Mary Ellen Wheeler passed away peacefully at Ledgeview Living Center on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009. She was born in Bethel on July 5, 1920. Mary was the daughter of Lyman and Bertha (Robinson) Wheeler and the great, great granddaughter of Joseph Wheeler, who came to Bethel in 1791. She was the last of the fifth generation Wheelers in Bethel.

Her childhood was spent in Bethel. Her family resided on lower Main Street. Mary would always smile when recalling some childhood memory. She liked to talk about trips to the "farm" with her father or walks on the "wood lot." She would laugh when relating adventures she and her lifelong friend, Libby Bane, had.

Later her family moved to Phillips, where Mary finished high school. She always had a job as a teenager. She especially enjoyed her summer jobs in Rangeley. After graduating Farmington Teachers College she taught in Vermont and Maine. In the early 1950s, exhibiting the same adventurous spirit that brought her ancestors to Bethel, Mary had teaching jobs in LaSalle, Venezuela and Anchorage, Alaska. She later located in New Jersey. Retiring in 1979, she returned to Bethel.

Mary was intelligent and ambitious. She believed a good education was vital to achieving success. Mary continued her education throughout her career. She earned advanced degrees in teaching and psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. She spent many years working with children with learning difficulties in the New Jersey school system. Her private practice dealing with these same issues was busy and successful.

Mary was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by

numerous cousins. No service will be held, at her request. Interment will be at Woodlawn at a later date.

## ALBERTA L. FREDA

Alberta Leet Freda, 79, of South Paris, died Nov. 13, 2009.

She was born in Fitchburg, Mass., on May 17, 1930, the daughter of Ernest and Mildred (Worcester) Leet. She married Rocco Freda Sr. on Dec. 15, 1947, he died in 1989.

Alberta was a homemaker most of her life while raising her two sons Rocco Jr. and Steven.

She is survived by two daughters-in-law, Lisa Freda of Newry and Vi Verrill of Harrison; one brother, William Leet and his wife Amy of Lunenburg, Mass.; three grandchildren, Corey and Jill Freda of Leeds, Steven Freda Jr. of Harrison and Rocco Freda III of Harrison; three great-grandchildren, Justin Freda, Caleb Freda and Chelsea Freda all of Leeds; a special niece, Pam Livingston of Mass., as well as many other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Rocco Freda Sr.; and two sons, Rocco Freda Jr. and Steven Freda.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).

## DWIGHT M. MERRILL

Dwight M. Merrill, 68, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 while at his winter home in The Villages, Fla. Born on Jan. 5, 1941 to Alfred and Margaret Merrill of Bethel, Dwight attended local schools. On May 26, 1961 Dwight married Elaine McPherson of Rumford.

Dwight worked for many years delivering oil for Brooks Bros., Luce Oil Co. then later for C. N. Brown Co. Dwight and Elaine purchased G.A.N. Sanitation Service, which they renamed D & E Sanitation Service. For several years, they owned and operated D & E Sanitation Service which was later purchased by Casella Waste Systems of Rutland, Vt. Dwight managed the business for Casella Waste Systems until his retirement. After retirement, he and his wife, Elaine, wintered at their home in The Villages, Fla.

Dwight was a Master Mason and belonged to the Bethel Lodge, to the Kora Shrine, and The Funsters as "Bugs Bunny". He served as Director of the Funsters for over 20 years and was a 32 Mason. He was a two-time President of the Ox-

ford County Shrine Club. At present, he was Director of the Put Stevens Court #107, Royal Order of Jesters and the Katchina Club.

Dwight is survived by his wife of 48 years, Elaine, of The Villages, Fla.; his two daughters, Cheryl Boulanger and her husband, Rick of Somersworth, N.H. and Christen Mason and her husband, Peter, of West Bethel; three grandchildren, Erica, Kurt and Todd; two sisters, Alberta Merrill of Bethel, June Staples and her husband, Roscoe of Raleigh, N.C.; one brother, Emerson Merrill and his wife, Loretta of West Bethel, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, Margaret and Alfred Merrill; one brother, Charles Merrill; and one brother-in-law, Neil Merrill.

Visiting hours will be held at the Bethel Alliance Church on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. with funeral services, including a Masonic service, to be held the following day, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at the Bethel Alliance Church at 2 p.m. Interment to be at the Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Kora Temple Shrine, 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

## ELIZABETH C. ROBERTSON

Elizabeth Chase Robertson, 84, of Bethel, died on Nov. 15, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway with her family by her side.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1925, the oldest of 5 children to Harry E. and Agnes Foster Chase. She attended school in Hanover, Rumford Point, Gould Academy and graduated from Mexico High School in 1944. She went on to graduate from Pelletier School of Beauty Culture in Lewiston and worked at Kersey's Beauty Shop in Rumford and Wilma's Beauty Shop in Bethel.

Betty, as she was known by her friends, married Henry Robertson on Nov. 8, 1946; he died Oct. 15, 2009.

She was a member of the O.E.S., Bethel United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary and the Bethel Historical Society.

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She is survived by daughters Victoria Robertson of Brunswick, Jean Ramsay and her husband Glen of Scarborough and Merry-Ann Harkins and her husband Jack of Brunswick; a granddaughter, Erika Lamarre and her husband Richard Kazimer of Woburn, Mass.; a grandson, Spec. Douglas Lamarre and his wife Deborah of Fayetteville, N.C. and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years; her parents of Hanover; and a brother, George Maynard Chase of Hanover.

Memorial services will be held at the Bethel United Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Norman Rust officiating.

Memorials in her memory are suggested to either the Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel or to the Bethel Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.andrewsgreenleaf.com](http://www.andrewsgreenleaf.com).

## PHYLLIS A. LOWE

Phyllis A. Lowe, 87, of West Paris and formerly of Bryant Pond, died Nov. 17, 2009 at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damariscotta in the loving care of the nursing staff and hospice team after a courageous battle with cancer. She refused to spend her days dying of cancer, instead living fully and vitally to the end.

She was born in Bryant Pond on April 13, 1922, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle (Taylor) Clifford and was educated in Woodstock schools graduating from Woodstock High School in 1942. She had been employed many years as a domestic worker, working for Pete Andrews and Andrews

Funeral Home.

Phyllis was a life member of Granite Chapter 150 O.E.S. of West Paris and was a former member of the 4-H in Bryant Pond when Addie Mann was the leader.

In July of 2009 she moved to the Lincoln Home for assisted living in Newcastle where she quickly made many new friends. While at the home, she took up Wii bowling and recently rode in the Pumpkin Fest Parade in October.

Phyllis loved the company of family and friends and going shopping for bargains. She loved doing crafts and especially enjoyed setting up her Christmas open house every year.

She is survived by three sons, Allen Lowe of Wells, Paul Lowe and his wife Karen and their children Tyler (11) and Kayla (7) all of Freeport, and Duane Lowe and daughter-in-law Dorothy Jones of the Mid-Coast Area; one brother, Donald and sister-in-law, Ethlyn Clifford of Dixfield; and many cherished friends. She was predeceased by one sister, Maxine Bean of Norway.

Visiting hours will be held at the Andrews Funeral Home, 64 Andrews Road, South Woodstock, on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Lloyd Waterhouse officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond.

Memorials in Phyllis' memory are suggested to the Elder Ride Program, Community Concepts, South Paris, Maine.

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